

TOWN REPORT



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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Receipts and Expenditures
OF THE
TOWN OF BRAINTREE
FROM

Dec. 31, 1924 to Dec. 31, 1925

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORT OF THE
TOWN CLERK, SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS OF
THE POOR AND HIGHWAY SURVEYORS, TOWN
TREASURER, ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPART-
MENT, WATER COMMISSIONERS, BOARD OF
HEALTH, MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD,
TRUSTEES OF THE THAYER PUBLIC
LIBRARY AND THE BOARD OF
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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Report of the Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Braintree, February 2, 1925.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Norfolk, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Braintree. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, qualified to vote in elections therein to meet at the polling places in their respective Precincts, to wit:

Polling place in Precinct No. 1, Town Hall.

Polling place in Precinct No. 2, Legion Building, Hollis Avenue.

Polling place in Precinct No. 3, Hose House, Allen Street.

On Monday, the second day of March, 1925, at five forty-five o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring into the Wardens of their respective Precincts their votes on the official ballot for a Moderator, Town Clerk, a Town Treasurer, three Selectmen, one member of the Board of Assessors for a term of three years, three Overseers of the Poor, three Highway Surveyors, three Auditors, a Tax Collector, a Tree Warden, two members of the Board of School Committee for a term of three years, one Water Commissioner and Commissioner of Sinking Funds for a term of three years, one member of the Municipal Lighting Board for a term

of three years, one Park Commissioner for a term of three years, two Trustees of Thayer Public Library for a term of two years, five members of the Planning Board for a term of one year, and fifteen Constables.

Also, to vote "Yes" or "No" upon the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of certain non-intoxicating beverages in this town?"

The polls will be opened at five forty-five o'clock in the forenoon and will be closed at three o'clock P. M.

You are further directed to notify and warn the said inhabitants qualified to vote as aforesaid to meet at the Town Hall in said Braintree, on Monday, the 9th day of March, 1925, at seven and one-half o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

Article 1. To choose all Town Officers, except those elected by ballot.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

Article 3. To see if the Town will hold its Treasurer harmless on his bond from any loss which may arise from the failure of any National Bank or Trust Company in which the funds of the Town may be on deposit, said Bank or Trust Company being designated by the Selectmen.

Article 4. To see if the Town will hold its Tax Collector harmless on his bond from any loss which may arise from the failure of any National Bank or Trust Company in which the funds of the Town may be on deposit, said Bank or Trust Company being designated by the Selectmen.

Article 5. To hear and act upon the report of the several boards of Town Officers and any committee, and to choose any committee the Town may think proper.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Article 6. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the salaries of the Town Officers and the expenses of the several departments, including Town Counsel, the bond of the Town Treasurer and the bond of the Tax Collector.

Article 7. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the expenses of Registration and Elections.

TOWN HALL

Article 8. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support and maintenance of the Town Hall and for the services of a Janitor and Assistant Janitor.

CHARITIES

Article 9. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of the poor, and the maintenance and repairs of the Braintree Home.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended under Chapter 118 of the General Laws.

SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

Article 11. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the payment of State aid, military aid, soldiers' burials and soldiers' relief.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Article 12. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the salaries and expenses of its Police Department, and for the necessary expenses required for the enforcement of the law, including Court Expenses.

Article 13. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for police protection at and about Sunset Lake, or take any other action relative thereto.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Article 14. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support and maintenance of the Fire Department, for the purchase of new apparatus or equipment therefor, for Hydrant Service, maintenance of the Fire Alarm, and for the purchase and installation of new fire alarm boxes.

Article 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to install the following two Fire Alarm Boxes in the East section of the Town: One at the corner of Willow and Front Streets and one at the corner of Hillside Road and Union Streets.

INSPECTION

Article 16. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the sealing of Weights and Measures.

Article 17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the salary of Inspector of Buildings and for expenses of his department.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to apoint a wire inspector.

FORESTRY

Article 19. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the suppression of gypsy and brown tail moths, care and planting of trees, and forest fires.

Article 20. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee to investigate the possibility of the Town having a forest.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Article 21. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the salaries and expenses of the Board of Health, including contagious diseases, vital statistics, inspection of milk, animals, slaughtering, meat and provisions and plumbing, dental clinic and tuberculosis nursing.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,535.85, being the portion of the expense incurred and apportioned by the County Commissioners upon the Town for the care, maintenance and repairs of the Tuberculosis Hospital, in accordance with Chapter 286 of the General Acts of 1916.

Article 23. To see if the Town will accept Chapter 535 of the Acts of 1910, authorizing the construction of a system of sewerage.

Article 24. To see if the Town will accept Chapter 546 of the Acts of 1910, providing for the addition of the Town to the South Metropolitan Sewerage System.

Article 25. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate such sums as may be necessary for the construction of sewerage and drainage within the Town and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the

Selectmen, to borrow all or any part of said sums in accordance with the provisions of any general or special act, authorizing the Town to borrow for such purposes or take any action relative thereto.

HIGHWAYS

Article 26. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of the Highway Department, including salaries, repairs of highways, town ways and bridges; also, for repairs and building sidewalks, stone roads, removal of snow, oiling streets, and purchase of equipment for said department.

Article 27. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for street lighting.

Article 28. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the building of a sidewalk or sidewalks on Washington Street, in Braintree Highlands, between the Holbrook line and Plymouth Avenue, or take any other action relative to sidewalks on said Street in that section of the Town.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to rebuild and repair Park Avenue, between Standish Avenue and Washington Street.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to rebuild and repair Arbutus Avenue.

Article 31. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the repairing and rebuilding of Pond Street, from Washington Street to the Noah Torrey School.

Article 32. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the building of a sidewalk or sidewalks on Franklin Street, between West and Washington Streets, or take any other action relative to sidewalks on said street.

Article 33. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the construction of a permanent sidewalk in South Braintree Square, between Hobart Block, so-called and Tremont Street, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 34. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to construct, rebuild and repair Standish Avenue to a point 850 feet beyond the end of the present construction.

Article 35. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to reconstruct and rebuild Washington Street, from Summer Street to Central Avenue, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 36. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to reconstruct and rebuild Union Street, from Railroad Crossing to Monaquot River Bridge, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to construct Grove Street, from Cutting tomb to Weymouth line.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to lay out, as a town way, Standish Avenue, from Arbutus Avenue to Myrtle Avenue.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to lay out, as a town way, Bellevue Road, so-called.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a town way, Azel Road, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a town way, Columbus Avenue, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a town way, Brow Avenue, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to accept the laying out of Brow Avenue Extension, so-called, to Tremont Street, as a town way.

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to accept Georganna Street, so-called, as a town way, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to accept Smith Street, and Smith Terrace, as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the removal of the Electric Light Department's pole in the center of Union Street, where it joins Washington Street, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to widen Washington Street from Common Street to Capen's Bridge and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Article 48. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the widening of River Street Bridge.

Article 49. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the widening of Elm and Adams Streets.

Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to lay out as a town way Ellsworth Street, so-called, leading from Mt. Vernon Street, easterly, then turning northerly to West Street.

Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Selectmen to extend and lay out Wyman Road to River Street, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to accept, as a town way, Common Street from Washington Street to Sunnyside Park, as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to accept, as a town way, Thayer Avenue, from Cochato Road, westerly to Oak Street Extension.

Article 54. To see if the Town will vote to accept, as a town way, Hawthorne Road, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen, from Elm to Cedar Street.

Article 55. To see if the Town will vote to accept, as a town way, Park Street, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen, from Cedar Street to Hawthorne Road, so-called.

Article 56. To see if the Town will vote to accept, as a town way, Walnut Street and Walnut Street Extension, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 57. To see if the Town will vote to accept, as a town way, the laying-out, as made by the Selectmen, of the northerly extension of Oak Street.

Article 58. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to lay out, as a town way, Ellsmore Terrace, so-called (off West Street), and Hill Top Road, so-called.

Article 59. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to lay out, as a town way, May Avenue, so-called.

Article 60. To see if the Town will vote to instruct its Selectmen to lay out as a town way Marshall Street, so-called from Middle Street to Hamilton Street, so-called.

Article 61. To see if the Town will vote to instruct its Selectmen to lay out as a town way Hamilton Street, so-called, from Union Street to Marshall Street, so-called.

Article 62. To see if the Town will vote to instruct its Selectmen to lay out as a town way Miller Street, so-called, from Union Street to Marshall Street.

Article 63. To see if the Town will vote to instruct its Selectmen to lay out as a town way Dobson Road, so-called, from Commercial Street to May Street, so-called.

Article 64. To see if the Town will vote to instruct its Selectmen to lay out, as a town way, Edgemont Road, so-called, from Quincy Avenue to Shaw Street.

Article 65. To see if the Town will vote to instruct its Selectmen to lay out, as a town way, Bickford Road, so-called, from Quincy Avenue to the Nelson Estate.

Article 66. To see if the Town will vote to accept, as a town way, May Street, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 67. To see if the Town will vote to accept, as a town way, Willow Street, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 68. To see if the Town will vote to accept, as a town way, Nelson Street, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 69. To see if the Town will vote to accept, as a town way, Wellington Street, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 70. To see if the Town will vote to accept, as a town way, Vinedale Road, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 71. To see if the Town will vote to accept, as a town way, Pleasant View Avenue, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 72. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for land damages, resulting from the taking by the County Commissioners, of land on Unionn Street and Adams Street.

Article 73. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for widening and straightening out the dangerous curve on Union Street opposite the Cottage Hospital, as laid out by the County Commissioners.

Article 74. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 toward improving West Street, between Five Corners and the new Blue Hill River Road, through the Reservation.

Article 75. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to repair and drain Hillside Road.

LIBRARY

Article 76. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the expenses of the Thayer Public Library, for the distribution of books and for the services of a Janitor.

RECREATION

Article 77. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate to be expended upon Parks, Playgrounds and Public Lands of the Town, under the direction of the Commissioners.

Article 78. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended on the Hollis Playground, under the direction of the Park Commissioners.

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Article 79. To see if the Town will appropriate from the income of the Electric Light Department the sum of \$9,919.90 for the Depreciation Fund; the sum of \$300.00 for the salaries of the Municipal Light Board, and the balance, together with the unexpended balance, \$3,923.41, of the year 1924, for operating expenses, renewals, repairs and new construction.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Article 80. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the income of the Water Department, the sum of \$300.00 for salaries of the Water Commissioners, and the balance for operating expenses, extensions, renewals, repairs, new construction, and expenses of said department.

Article 81. To see if the Town will vote to reappropriate the sum of \$9,100.00, appropriated under

Article 79 of the year 1924, for West Street, and authorize the expenditure of an additional sum of \$3,211.96 for the substitution of an 8 in. pipe in place of a 6 in. pipe.

Article 82. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,356.00 to continue an 8 in. main on West Street from at or near the proposed extension mentioned in Article 31 to the Great Pond Pumping Station.

Article 83. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,463.56 to construct a 6 in. main through Peach Street, from Washington Street and about 450 feet on Liberty Street.

Article 84. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,513.19 to construct a 6 in. main on Harrison Avenue to replace the 1 in. pipe now supplying seven houses.

Article 85. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$814.98 to continue the 12 in. main on Union Street, west, from the dead end to a point opposite Marshall Street.

Article 86. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to construct a 6 in. main on the Town property, from Union Street to the Almshouse.

EDUCATION

Article 87. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of the Public Schools.

Article 87A. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of constructing new school buildings and for the original equipment and furnishing of same, and to authorize

the Treasurer to borrow any or all said sum, and to appoint a committee to supervise said construction, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 88. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate such sums as may be necessary for the purpose of constructing, furnishing and equipping a new high school building, and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow all or any part of said sums in accordance with the provisions of any general or special Act authorizing the Town to borrow for such purposes, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 89. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate such sums as may be necessary for the purpose of purchasing or taking land in Precinct 1 and construct, furnish and equip a new grade school building thereon, and authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow all or any part of said sums in accordance with provisions of any general or special act authorizing the town to borrow for such purposes or take any action relative thereto.

Article 90. To see if the Town will vote to purchase or take land on Arbutus Avenue in Precinct 1 and construct, furnish and equip a new 4-room grade school building thereon, and authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow all or any part of said sums in accordance with provisions of any general or special act authorizing the town to borrow for such purposes or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 91. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of acquiring land for a new school building, or buildings, to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow therefor, or to take any action relative thereto.

CEMETERY

Article 92. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended on the Plain Street Cemetery and for the services of a superintendent.

INTEREST—MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Article 93. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for the payments due on the Municipal Indebtedness and for the payment of interest on Town debt and on loans in anticipation of revenue.

UNCLASSIFIED—MISCELLANEOUS

Article 94. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for miscellaneous expenses.

Article 95. To see if the Town will accept the legacies and provisions in the will of Norton E. Hollis, deceased, late of said Town, made for the benefit of said Town and its Schools, Parks, Playgrounds and Public Library.

Article 96. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to assist Post 87, G. A. R.; Braintree Post 86, American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars, Lennon-Murray Post, in defraying expenses of Memorial Day.

Article 97. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the insurance under the Employees' Compensation Act.

Article 98. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate to pay premiums on insurance policies of fire and liability.

Article 99. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for engineering.

Article 100. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for land damages resulting from taking of any land for highway purposes.

Article 101. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate for suitable signs and signals.

Article 102. To see what action the Town will take under Article XLVIII of the amendments to the constitution covering the proper initiative, namely II, Section 3, for "An act to permit certain sports and games on the Lord's day."

Article 103. To see if the Town will authorize and instruct the Selectmen to lay out and establish a public landing place on the water-front of the playground in Precinct 3.

Article 104. To see if the Town will direct the Selectmen to again lease the Legion Building, so called, to Post 86, A. L., and raise and appropriate a sum of money for repairs to said building.

Article 105. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for widening, repairing and building Shaw Street Bridge.

Article 106. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of section 77, chapter 32 of the General Laws of Mass., which provides in paragraph (B) that, "laborer" shall include foremen, inspectors, mechanics, draw-tenders, assistant draw-tenders and store-keepers, but that no such person shall receive a pension of more than four hundred (\$400.00) dollars per year.

Article 107. To see if the Town will vote to instruct its Selectmen to lay out, as a town way, Waldron Road, so-called, running in a westerly direction from Washington Street.

Article 108. To see if the Town will vote to instruct its Selectmen to lay out, as a town way, Hill View Road, so-called, running in a westerly direction from Washington Street.

Article 109. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money in accordance with Chapter 654 of the Acts of 1913, as a Reserve Fund.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in nine public places in said Town of Braintree, three in each Precinct, seven days at least before said second day of March, 1925, and by publishing the same once in the Braintree Observer.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk before the 2nd day of March, 1925.

Given under our hands at Braintree, this 2nd day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

EDWARD AVERY,
JONATHAN W. FRENCH,
SHELLEY A. NEAL,
Selectmen of Braintree.

A true copy. Attest:

JEREMIAH F. GALLIVAN,
Constable of Braintree.

Braintree, Mass., February 4, 1925.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I hereby notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Braintree,

qualified as expressed therein, to meet at the time and places mentioned for the purposes therein mentioned.

JEREMIAH F. GALLIVAN,
Constable of Braintree.

Town Hall,
Braintree, March 2, 1925.

In accordance with the foregoing Warrant the voters assembled in their respective Precincts to cast their ballots for the officers and persons named on the Official Ballot and also to vote on the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of certain non-intoxicating beverages in this Town?"

The Polls were opened at five forty-five o'clock A. M. and closed at three o'clock P. M. in all Precincts.

The following Election Officers served:

Precinct 1—J. Frank Lane, Warden; Dudley P. Howland, Clerk; H. Parker Hobart, G. D. Willis, S. R. Sylvester, J. R. King, J. M. Cutting, M. P. Novelline, F. M. O'Rourke, Harry S. Snow, John Gallivan. Charles A. Hobart, Constable.

Precinct 2—George E. Sampson, Warden; Virgie M. Sears, Clerk; Alice Kirby, John Drinkwater, Charles Hill, S. F. Pratt, Alfred Holbrook, George Arnold, Frank Mischler, Francis Mahar, H. F. Vinton, Herbert Stackhouse. C. R. Bestick, Constable.

Precinct 3—W. G. Waite, Warden; W. T. McCormick, Clerk; Leo F. Starr, Thomas F. Mulligan, John F. Rafferty, A. R. Hobart, W. D. Levangie, John Riley, W. J. Quinlan, John A. Ryan, Louis F. Cashen, Augustus T. Wentworth, Constable.

At the opening of the polls the Ballot Boxes all registered O.

At the close of the polls the Ballot Boxes registered as follows:

Precinct One	1068
Precinct Two	928
Precinct Three	1310

Names checked on Voting Lists:

Precinct One	1067
Precinct Three	1306

Whole number of Ballots counted:

Precinct One	1067
Precinct Two	928
Precinct Three	1306

At the close of the polls the result of the vote was announced in each Precinct, the ballots were then sealed according to law and forwarded to the Registrars of Voters, by which Board and the Town Clerk, the votes were tabulated and the result announced in open meeting.

Following is the result in detail:

FOR MODERATOR

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Tot.
William F. Rogers	663	766	756	2185
Blanks	404	162	549	1115

William F. Rogers, elected and sworn.

FOR TOWN CLERK

Henry A. Monk	821	793	855	2469
Blanks	246	135	451	832

Henry A. Monk, elected and sworn by Edward Avery, Notary Public.

FOR SELECTMAN

Edward Avery	617	308	944	1869
Edward T. Dwyer	524	567	440	1531
Jonathan W. French	752	758	587	2097
Shelley A. Neal	623	718	552	1893
Blanks	685	433	1395	2513

Edward Avery, Jonathan W. French and Shelley A. Neal, elected and sworn.

FOR OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Edward Avery.....	586	310	939	1835
Edward T. Dwyer.....	519	561	432	1512
Jonathan W. French.....	745	758	585	2088
Shelley A. Neal.....	623	723	550	1896
Blanks	728	432	1412	2572

Edward Avery, Jonathan W. French and Shelley A. Neal, elected and sworn.

FOR HIGHWAY SURVEYORS

Edward Avery.....	582	306	916	1804
Edward T. Dwyer.....	519	557	428	1504
Jonathan W. French	745	754	572	2071
Shelley A. Neal.....	620	714	548	1882
Blanks	735	453	1454	2642

Edward Avery, Jonathan W. French and Shelley A. Neal, elected and sworn.

FOR TOWN TREASURE

Otis B. Oakman.....	776	750	759	2285
Blanks	291	178	547	1016

Otis B. Oakman, elected and sworn.

FOR ASSESSORS (FOR THREE YEARS)

Walter O. Hastings.....	693	742	710	2145
Blanks	374	186	596	1156

Walter O. Hastings, elected and sworn.

FOR TRUSTEE OF THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY
(FOR TWO YEARS)

John W. Harding.....	652	733	672	2057
Amy C. Manning.....	618	732	646	1996
Blanks	864	391	1294	2549

John W. Harding and Amy C. Manning, elected and sworn.

FOR PLANNING BOARD

Theron I. Cain.....	406	749	374	1529
Paul Monaghan.....	3	0	0	3
Wallace Wilson.....	7	0	6	13
Mark Hennebery.....	5	0	60	65
John A. Ryan.....	0	0	2	2
Scattering	3	0	6	9
Blanks	4911	3791	6182	14464

Theron I. Cain, Paul Monaghan, Wallace Wilson,
Mark Hennebery and John A. Ryan, elected. Cain,
Wilson, Hennebery and Ryan, sworn.

A true record: Attest:

H. A. MONK, Town Clerk.

FOR WATER COMMISSIONER AND COMMISSION-
ER OF SINKING FUNDS

(FOR THREE YEARS)

William C. Harrison.....	641	719	699	2059
Blanks	426	209	607	1242

William C. Harrison, elected and sworn.

FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE (FOR THREE YEARS)

Henry D. Higgins.....	652	723	716	2191
Alida N. Stevens.....	645	718	678	2041
Blanks	837	415	1218	2470

Henry D. Higgins and Alida N. Stevens, elected
and sworn.

FOR AUDITORS

Ralph W. Arnold.....	636	711	688	2035
Paul Monaghan.....	672	708	665	2045
Charles H. Tobey.....	708	707	648	2063
Blanks	1185	658	1917	3760

Ralph W. Arnold, Paul Monaghan and Charles H. Tobey, elected and sworn.

FOR TAX COLECTOR

Otis B. Oakman	693	737	732	2162
Blanks	374	191	574	1139

Otis B. Oakman, elected and sworn.

FOR MUNICIPAL LIGHTING BOARD (FOR THREE YEARS)

Charles G. Jordan	633	723	778	2134
Blanks	434	205	528	1167

Charles G. Jordan, elected and sworn.

FOR BOARD OF HEALTH (FOR THREE YEARS)

Joseph G. Bailey	402	474	344	1219
Dwight A. Chandler	452	244	281	977
Edward Smyth	110	82	341	533
Blanks	99	128	345	572

Joseph G. Bailey, elected and sworn.

FOR PARK COMMISSIONERS (FOR THREE YEARS)

Lawence A. Trainer	670	698	755	2123
Blanks	397	230	551	1178

Lawrence A. Trainor, elected and sworn.

FOR TREE WARDEN

Clarence R. Bestick	696	729	753	2178
Blanks	371	199	553	1123

Clarence R. Bestick, elected and sworn.

FOR LICENSE

Yes	276	250	327	853
No	368	410	401	1179
Blanks	423	268	578	1269

FOR CONSTABLES

Harvey J. Annis	542	722	557	1821
Walter S. Belyea	555	723	563	1841
Clarence R. Bestick	469	753	564	1786
Jeremiah F. Gallivan	548	716	603	1867
Christopher M. Garland	458	733	574	1765
Charles S. Hannaford	553	723	551	1827
John J. Heaney	560	746	574	1880
Mark Hennebery	459	739	632	1830
Charles A. Hobart	430	749	565	1744
August Johnson	528	727	604	1859
James R. Qualey	519	746	552	1817
John P. Shay	586	737	564	1887
Thomas Slavin	414	726	557	1697
Harry F. Vinton	459	743	561	1763
Augustus T. Wentworth	450	733	611	1794
Blanks	8421	2958	10958	22337

All the above named 15, elected and all sworn.

A True Record. Attest:

H. A. MONK,
Town Clerk.

Town House

Braintree March 9, 1925.

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:45 o'clock P. M. by Moderator William F. Rogers.

Article 1. Voted to elect seven members of the School Fund Committee (for three years).

Herbert F. Kneeland, Arthur L. Hale, William H. Heath, Elmer E. Abercrombie, Otis B. Oakman, Henry F. Arnold, John W. Harding, elected and sworn.

Voted to elect three Measurers of Wood and Weighers of Hay.

Charles G. Sheppard, Wilford F. Woodsum and Fred W. Piercy, elected and sworn.

Voted to elect three Measurers of Lumber.

Herbert W. Borden, Charles O. Miller, Shelley A. Neal, elected and sworn.

Voted to instruct the Selectmen to appoint 1 Pound Keeper, 3 Field Drivers, and 3 Fence Viewers.

Article 2. Voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen be, and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenues of the financial year beginning January 1, 1925, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year.

Any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 3. Voted that the Town Treasurer be, and is hereby made custodian of all moneys of the several Departments of the Town; the Board of Water Commissioners are hereby instructed to elect the Town Treasurer, Treasurer of the Water Department; the Selectmen are hereby instructed to require from the Treasurer such a bond as in their judgment is necessary for the safety of such moneys; that the Treasurer be held harmless on his bond from any loss caused by the failure of any National Bank or Trust Company in which the funds of the Town may be on deposit with the approval of the Selectmen.

Article 4. Voted that the Tax Collector be held harmless on his bond from any loss caused by the failure of any National Bank or Trust Company in which the funds of the Town may be on deposit with the approval of the Selectmen.

Article 5. The Appropriation Committee rendered their report and recommendations in print.

Voted to receive the report and to consider this article in conjunction with all other articles.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Article 6. Voted to appropriate the following sums:

For Salary of Moderator\$ 25.00

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT

For Salaries of Selectmen.....\$1,650.00

For Expenses of Selectmen 550.00

For Clerk Hire 300.00

ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

For Salary of Town Accountant.....\$1,800.00

For Expenses 100.00

AUDITORS

For Salaries of Auditors \$ 225.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S DEPARTMENT

For Salary of Collector \$1,000.00
 Plus Fees Estimated 300.00
 For Bond and Expenses 1,535.00
 For Clerk Hire 830.00

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT

For Salary of Town Treasurer \$1,500.00
 For Bond and Expenses (including clerical
 help) 480.00

ASSESSOR'S DEPARTMENT

For Salaries of Assessors \$2,400.00
 For Expenses 958.00
 For Clerical Help 300.00
 For Additional Clerical Help 300.00

Voted on motion of Mr. Monaghan that the Board of Assessors be instructed in making their next annual report, to report each tax payer of the Town, a description of their property, location, valuation and amount of tax.

TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

For Salary of Town Clerk \$ 800.00
 Plus Fees Estimated 450.00

(Item of Expenses, laid on the table).

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

For Salary of Town Counsel \$ 600.00
 For Expenses of Court Cases 300.00

REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Voted to appropriate

For Salaries of Registrars of Voters	\$ 300.00
For Election Officers	400.00
For Expenses	500.00

TOWN HALL

Article 8. For Salary of Janitor	\$ 900.00
For Salary of Assistant Janitor	1,144.00
For Maintenance and Support	2,000.00
For Extraordinary Repairs	550.00

(Item 5 laid on table to be considered under Article 26).

CHARITIES

Article 9. Voted to appropriate

For Salaries of Overseers of Poor	\$ 600.00
For Clerk Hire	300.00
For Salary of Visitor	1,404.00
For Expenses of Visitor	415.00
For Maintenance and Repairs Braintree Home	5,325.00
For Outside Relief	8,000.00

Article 10. To be expended under Chap. 118 of G. L.	\$9,000.00
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SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

Article 11. Voted to appropriate

For State Aid and Soliders' Burials (not included in tax levy)	\$1,394.00
For Soliders' Relief	556.00
For Military Aid	100.00
(\$50.00 of this item not included in tax levy)	

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Article 12. Voted to appropriate

For Salary of Chief	\$ 2,000.00
For Salaries of Force	13,025.00
For Salaries of Special Officers	100.00
For Equipment	75.00
For General and Court Expenses	1,320.00

Article 13. Voted to appropriate

For Police Protection about Sunset Lake	\$ 368.00
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Article 14. Voted to appropriate

For Salary of Chief	\$ 2,500.00
For Salaries 8 Permanent Men	11,394.00
For Salaries 2 Deputy Chiefs	150.00
For Salaries 3 Captains	30.00
For Salaries 3 Deputy Forest Fire Wardens	75.00
For Pay of 37 Call Men	1,560.00
For Extra Pay of Firemen	1,700.00
For 1,000 Feet New Hose	1,200.00
For Qualey's Truck and Expenses ..	1,734.00
For Hydrant Service	500.00
For Repairs and Equipment	500.00
For Equipment for Firemen	640.00
For Gasolene, Oil and Grease	500.00
For Tires and Tubes	590.00
For Fuel	600.00
For Light	100.00
For Water	30.00
For Stationery, Printing and Postage	50.00
For Telephones	150.00
For Express and Cartage	15.00
For Repairs and Furnishings for Engine Houses	500.00

For Two Play Pipes	75.00
For Painting Chief's Car and Forest Fire Truck	125.00
For Two Hydrant Gates	70.00
For Six Rubber Blankets	150.00
For Two Fire Extinguishers	60.00
For Two Portable Search Lights	70.00
For Twelve Helmets	96.00
For Six Pump Tanks	75.00
For Miscellaneous	235.00

For Maintenance of Fire Alarm, including Salary of Supt., Operating, General Re- pairs, New Equipment, and Material	2,200.00
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Voted to appropriate the sum of	12,500.00
for the purpose of purchasing a modern type Pumping Engine to be located in Precinct 3. By verification the vote stood 298 Yes, 296 No.	

Voted to appropriate for Repairs of Fire Truck now at East Braintree the sum of	600.00
and locate the same at Braintree.	

Article 15. Voted to appropriate For Fire Alarm Box at corner of Hillside Road and Union Street	\$ 180.00
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INSPECTION

Article 16. Voted to appropriate For Salary of Sealer of Weights and Measures	\$ 500.00
For Expenses of Dept.	250.00

Article 17. For Salary and Expenses of Inspector of Buildings	\$ 1,000.00
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Article 18. No action taken.

FORESTRY

Article 19. Voted to appropriate

For Suppression of Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths	\$ 6,000.00
For Care and Planting Trees	1,000.00

Article 20. No action taken.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Article 21. Voted to appropriate

For Salaries of Board of Health and Secretary	\$ 700.00
For Fumigation, Care of Dumps	600.00
For Collection of Garbage, under Contract System	4,800.00
For Contagious Diseases	2,000.00
For Inspection of Milk	100.00
For Inspection of Plumbing	873.26
For Inspection of Meats and Slaughtering	350.00
For Inspection of Animals	125.00
For Tuberculosis Clinic	400.00
For Dental Clinic	800.00
For Vital Statistics	50.00
For Expenses Board of Health (including Printing and By-Laws	250.00

Article 22. Voted to appropriate

For the Town's Proportion of Expenses for Maintenance and Repairs Tuberculosis Hospital	\$ 3,535.85
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Article 23. No action taken.

Article 24. No action taken.

Article 25. No action taken.

HIGHWAYS

Article 26. Voted that the Town

Appropriate the sum of	\$ 5,508.45
from the fund known as the "Special War Bonus Fund" for the purpose of improving and beautifying the grounds adjacent to the Town Hall and Thayer Public Library, the work to be done in accordance with a plan filed with this motion, under the direction of a committee of three appointed by the Moderator.	
For Salary of Superintendent of Streets . . .	\$ 3,000.00
For Salary of Surveyors of Highways	150.00
For Clerical Assistance	300.00
For Expenses	300.00
For Expenses	100.00
For Insurance on Equipment	836.55
For General Repairs on Highways, Bridges. Walks, Stone Roads, Watering and Oil-ing Streets	51,600.00
For Private Work (not included in tax levy)	1,000.00
For Removal of Snow	6,000.00
For Special Sidewalk Construction (\$2,000.00 to be expended in each Precinct)	6,000.00
For Special Work:	
For Repairs to Shaw Street Bridge (from the Excess and Deficiency Fund)	2,000.00
For Resurfacing Tremont Street, between Academy and West Streets	4,050.00
For Constructing Drain on Harrison Avenue	1,890.00

For Relocating and Resurfacing Liberty
Street from Prouty Estate southerly:
(from Excess and Deficiency Fund) . . . 4,000.00

For Resurfacing Vineland Road from Arbor-
way Drive to Pleasant View Avenue,
so-called 1,934.00

For New Equipment, One Heavy Truck . . . 5,447.98
(from the Excess and Deficiency Fund)

Article 27. Voted to appropriate

For Street Lighting \$ 7,785.00

Article 28. Voted to appropriate

For Sidewalks on Washington Street, be-
tween Holbrook Line and Plymouth
Avenue \$ 1,400.00

(from the Excess and Deficiency Fund)

Article 29. Voted to appropriate

To Rebuild and Repair Park Avenue be-
tween Standish Avenue and Washing-
ton Street 180.00

Article 30. No action necessary.

Article 31. Voted to appropriate

For Repairing and Rebuilding of Pond
Street from Washington Street to Noah
Torrey School 4,208.00

(from Excess and Deficiency Fund)

Article 32. No appropriation—money
from last year.

Article 33. Voted to appropriate

For Construction of Sidewalk in South
Braintree Square between Hobart Block
and Tremont Street 700.00

Article 34. No action taken.

Article 35. Voted to appropriate
 To Reconstruct and Rebuild Washington
 Street from Summer Street to Central
 Avenue 3,735.00

Article 36. No action taken.

Article 37. No action taken.

Article 38. Selectmen instructed to lay out Stan-
 dish Avenue from Arbutus Avenue to Myrtle Avenue,
 under supervision of the Board of Survey.

Article 39. Selectmen instructed to lay out Belle-
 vue Avenue from Washington Street easterly about
 425 feet to junction of Philips Road, so-called, and
 that the name be changed.

Article 40. Voted, to accept Azel Road, as laid out
 out by the Selectmen.

Article 41. Voted, to accept Columbus Avenue as
 laid out by Selectmen.

Article 42. Brow Avenue, referred to next annual
 Town Meeting.

Article 43. Brow Avenue Extension, referred to
 next annual Town Meeting.

Article 44. Voted, to accept Georgianna Street as
 laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 45. Voted to accept Smith Street and
 Smith Terrace as laid out by the Selectmen, but no
 appropriation.

Article 46. Removal of E. L. Pole, no action taken.

Article 47. Referred to Selectmen with instruc-
 tions to submit a report on cost with recommendations
 as to financing etc. at next Annual Meeting.

Article 48. Voted to appropriate
 For Widening River Street Bridge \$ 1,650.00
 (from Excess and Deficiency Fund)

Article 49. Voted to appropriate
 For Widening Elm and Adams Streets \$ 4,310.00
 (from Excess and Deficiency Fund)

Article 50. Voted, to instruct the Selectmen to lay out Ellsworth Street leading from Mt. Vernon Street, eastly then turning northerly to West Street, supervision of Board of Survey.

Article 51. Wyman Road to River Street, no action taken.

Article 52. Common Street, referred to next Annual Meeting.

Article 53. Voted, to accept Thayer Avenue from Cochato Road westerly to Oak Street Extension.

Article 54. Voted, to accept Hawthorn Road as laid out by the Selectmen from Elm to Cedar Street.

Article 55. Voted, to accept Park Street as laid out by the Selectmen from Cedar Street to Hawthorn Road.

Article 56. Voted, to accept Walnut Street as laid out by the Selectmen and that Walnut Street Extension be referred to the next annual Town Meeting.

Article 57. Oak Street Extension, referred to next annual Town Meeting.

Article 58. Voted, to instruct the Selectmen to lay out Ellsmore Terrace and Hill Top Road under supervision of Board of Survey.

Article 59. Voted, to instruct the Selectmen to lay

out May Avenue under supervision of Board of Survey.

Article 60. Voted, to instruct the Selectmen to lay out Marshall Street from Middle Street to Hamilton Street, under supervision of Board of Survey.

Article 61. Voted, to instruct the Selectmen to lay out Hamilton Street from Union Street to Marshall Street under supervision of Board of Survey.

Article 62. Voted, to instruct the Selectmen to lay out Miller Street, from Union Street to Marshall Street under supervision of Board of Survey.

Article 63. Voted, to instruct the Selectmen to lay out Dobson Road from Commercial Street to May Street under supervision of Board of Survey.

Article 64. Voted, to instruct the Selectmen to lay out Edgemont Road under supervision of Board of Survey.

Article 65. Voted to instruct the Selectmen to lay out Bickford Road under supervision of Board of Survey.

Article 66. May Street referred to next annual Town Meeting.

Article 67. Voted, to accept Willow Street as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 68. Voted, to accept Nelson Street as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 69. Voted to accept Wellington Street as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 70. Voted, to accept Vinedale Road as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 71. Pleasant View Avenue referred to next Annual Town Meeting.

Article 72. Voted, to appropriate the sum of \$2,375.75 for land damages resulting from the taking by the County Commissioners on Union Street and Adams Street.

Article 73. Voted, to appropriate the sum of \$8,950.00 for widening and straightening dangerous curve on Union Street opposite Cottage Hospital as laid out by County Commissioners.
Five Corners and Blue Hill River Road.

Article 74. For improving West Street between Five Corners and Blue Hill River Road \$5,000.00

Article 75. To repair and drain Hillside Road 500.00

LIBRARY

Article 76. For General Expenses \$4,000.00
(Plus fines estimated) 200.00
For Janitor 300.00

RECREATION

Article 77. For Care of Parks, Playgrounds and Public Lands of the Town 800.00

Article 78. To be Expended on the Hollis Playground under the direction of the Park Commissioners 1,000.00

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Article 79. Voted, to appropriate from the income of the Electric Light Department the sum of \$9,919.90

for the Depreciation Fund; the sum of \$300.00 for the salaries of the Municipal Light Board and the balance together with the unexpended balance \$3,923.41 of the year 1924, for operating expences, renewals, repairs and new construction.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Article 80. Voted, to appropriate from the income of the Water Department for salaries of the Water Commissioners \$300.00, and the balance for operating expenses, extensions, renewals, repairs, new construction and expenses of said department.

Article 81. Matter of 8-inch pipe on West Street referred to the Water Department.

Article 82. Referred to the Water Department.

Article 83. Laid on the table.

Article 84. Voted to appropriate from the revenue of the Water Department to construct a 6-inch main on Harrison Avenue, \$1,513.19.

At 10:15 o'clock P. M., voted to adjourn to Monday, March 16, 1925 at 7:45 P. M.

A true records. Attest:

H. A. MONK,
Town Clerk.

Town Hall,

Braintree, March 16, 1925.

The Town met in accordance with adjournment from March 9, 1925.

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 o'clock P. M., by the Town Clerk.

In the absence of the Moderator, due to illness, voted to choose a Moderator Pro Tem.

By ballot with the use of the check lists Mr. William P. Kelley was chosen and sworn.

Voted, on motion of Mr. Arnold to waive the reading of the records.

Article 85. Voted, to appropriate the sum of \$814.98 from the revenue of the Water Department.

Voted on motion of Mr. French to take Article 83 from the table.

Article 83. Voted on motion of Mr. French to appropriate \$8,463.56 for the purposes set forth in said article; of such sum \$6,463.56 to be taken from the revenue of the Water Department and the balance of \$2,000.00 to be appropriated from the equivalent sum now in the treasury for additional water supply.

Article 86. No action taken.

EDUCATION

Article 87. Voted to appropriate for support of the Public Schools:

For Salaries of Teachers.....	\$139,860.00
For General Expenses, including Repairs to Buildings.....	66,133.00

Motions of Mr. Steinberg, Mr. Trainor and Mr. Foley, not carried.

Article 87A. Declared not in order, not having been published.

Mr. Kneeland offered the following resolution:

Resolved: That in the death of Mr. William May, this Town has lost a valued citizen, upright and conscientious, one who was always keenly alive to the best interests of Braintree, possessing the respect and goodwill of all. That his fellow-townsmen in town meeting assembled, hereby express their deep regret at his passing and extend to his widow the assurance of their sincere sympathy in her bereavement.

Voted, that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Voted, on motion of Mr. Arnold that Articles 88 and 89 be taken up in conjunction; affirmative, 536; negative, 138.

Articles 88-89. Mr. Arnold offered the following motion:

Voted, that there be raised and appropriated the sum of \$360,000.00 for the purpose of constructing, furnishing, and equipping a new high school building on land already purchased for the same, and there also be raised and appropriated the sum of \$106,500.00 for the purpose of constructing, furnishing and equipping a new eight-room grade school building with assembly hall, on the "Noah Torrey Site" and to meet said appropriations there be raised in the tax levy of the current year the sum of \$15,000.00 and that the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen be, and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of \$451,500; of said sum to be borrowed \$300,000 to be under authority of, and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41 of the Acts of 1921, such notes or bonds shall bear on their face the words "Braintree School Loan, Act of 1920." \$151,500.00 under authority of and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, and issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, all of said bonds or notes to be payable in

accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41 and said Chapter 44 or either of them, so that the entire amount authorized to be borrowed under this vote shall be paid in not more than twenty years from the date of issue of the first bond or note, or at such earlier dates as the Treasurer and Selectmen may determine, and that a committee of seven be appointed by the Moderator to act for and in behalf of the Town with full powers to employ architects, secure bids, and let contracts in the name of the Town, and to do all and any acts necessary to construct and equip said buildings within the aforesaid appropriations.

Voted, by Mr. Lakin that a vote be taken on this motion at 10:15 o'clock if not sooner reached.

Voted, on motion of Mr. Hunt that this vote be taken by use of the check-lists.

Voted, on motion of Mr. Bryant that the Moderator be instructed to appoint such men in such numbers as he deems necessary to receive and count said ballots.

At 9:55 P. M. the polls were declared open.

At 10:55 P. M. voted on motion of Mr. Miller that the polls be closed.

Result of the ballot as follows:

Whole number of votes, 870.

Yes, 616. No. 254.

The Yes vote being more than two-thirds of the total vote, the aforesaid motion of Mr. Arnold was declared carried in the affirmative. Mr. Miller moved a reconsideration; not carried.

The Moderator appointed the following committee: Henry D. Higgins, Frank A. Ewart, George A. Walker,

C. Frederick Tarbox, Jonathan W. French, Paul Monaghan and Norton P. Potter.

At 11:25 P. M. voted that this meeting adjourn to Monday, March 23, 1925, at 7:45 o'clock P. M.

A true record. Attest:

H. A. MONK,
Town Clerk.

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Norfolk, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Braintree. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Braintree.

On Monday, the twenty-fifth day of May, 1925, at seven-thirty five o'clock in the evening, to act on the following articles, namely:

Article 1. To hear and act upon the report of any committee and to choose any committee the Town may think proper.

Article 2. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the removal of snow.

Article 3. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the expenses of the Selectmen's Department.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the insurance under the Employees' Compensation Act.

Article 5. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate for suitable signs and signals.

Article 6. To see what sums of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the care, planting and removal of trees.

Article 7. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the expense of printing the Assessors' valuation lists, or such resume thereof as the Town shall determine.

Article 8. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for miscellaneous expenses.

Article 9. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for land damages resulting from taking of any land for highway purposes.

Article 10. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purchase and installation of new fire alarm boxes.

Article 11. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the construction of a drain on Wilmarth Road, or to see if the Town will take any action relative to an appropriation for drainage on said road.

Article 12. To see if the Town will ratify its vote passed at the annual town meeting of 1925 under articles 88 and 89 of the warrant therefor notwithstanding the said vote may not be within the scope of

said article 89 relating to the acquiring of land and the constructing of a new grade school building in Precinct 1.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting true and attested copies thereof in three public places in each Precinct in said Town of Braintree, ten days at least before said twenty-fifth day of May, 1925, and by publishing the same twice in the Braintree Observer.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk before the said meeting.

Given under our hands at Braintree, this eleventh day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

EDWARD AVERY,
SHELLEY A. NEAL,
JONATHAN W. FRENCH,
Selectmen of Braintree.

A true copy. Attest:

JEREMIAH F. GALLIVAN,
Constable of Braintree.

Braintree, Mass., May 13, 1925.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I hereby notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, qualified as expressed therein, to meet at the time and place mentioned therein for the purposes therein mentioned.

JEREMIAH F. GALLIVAN,
Constable of Braintree.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Town Hall,
Braintree, May 25, 1925.

The Town met in accordance with the foregoing warrant.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 o'clock P. M., by William F. Rogers, Moderator.

Article 1. The Appropriation Committee presented their report with recommendations.

Voted to receive the report and that the same be considered in connection with all other articles.

Article 2. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the removal of snow.

Article 3. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for expenses of the Selectmen's Department.

Article 4. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$650.87 for insurance under the Employees' Compensation Act.

Article 5. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,862.00 for suitable signs and signals.

Article 6. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,435.00 for the care, planting and removal of trees.

Article 7. Voted to indefinitely postpone all action under this article.

Article 8. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,115.00 for miscellaneous expenses.

Article 9. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,145.00 for land damages resulting from taking of any land for highway purposes.

Article 10. Voted to refer to the next Annual Town Meeting.

Article 11. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$130.00 for the construction of a drain on Wilmarth Road.

Article 12. Voted that the vote of the town passed at the Annual Town Meeting of 1925 under Articles 88 and 89 of the Warrant therefor, be, and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed, notwithstanding the said vote may not have been within the scope of the said Article 89 relating to the acquiring of land and the constructing of a new grade school building in Precinct One.

Four hundred fifty-one voted in favor of ratification and none opposed, the Moderator declared the vote carried unanimously.

At 7:55 o'clock voted to adjourn, **sine die**.

A true copy. Attest:

H. A. MONK,
Town Clerk.

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Norfolk, ss. * To either of the Constables of the Constables of the Town of Braintree. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the

inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Braintree.

On Tuesday, the tenth day of November, 1925, at seven forty-five o'clock in the evening, to act on the following articles, namely:

Article 1. To hear and act upon the report of any committee and to choose any committee the Town may think proper.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 130 of the laws of 1925, relative to the establishment of building lines, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to repair and rebuild Granite Street from Five Corners to Pond Street, or any part thereof, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Article 4. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of providing class room facilities for conducting classes in the Assembly Hall of the Penniman School.

Article 5. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the expenses of the Planning Board in preparing plans for zoning the Town, as provided by law.

Article 6. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the payment to the County of Norfolk of the Town's share of the expense of the construction of the Quincy Avenue-Monaticquot River Bridge, so-called, in accordance with a decree of Court, dated October 16th, 1925.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectment to lay out, as a Town way Elmlawn Road, so-called, leading from Elm Street.

Article 8. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for land damages, arising from the taking of any land for highway purposes.

Article 9. To see what action the Town will take as to moving or disposing of the drinking fountain in Storr's Square.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting true and attested copies thereof in three public places in each Precinct in said Town of Braintree, ten days at least before said tenth day of November, 1925, and by publishing the same once each week for two successive weeks in the Braintree Observer, first publication to be at least eight days before said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk before the said meeting.

Given under our hands at Braintree, this twenty-sixth day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

EDWARD AVERY,
SHELLEY A. NEAL,
JONATHAN W. FRENCH,
Selectmen of Braintree.

Braintree, Mass., October 28, 1925.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I hereby notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, qualified as expressed therein, to meet at the time and place mentioned therein for the purposes therein set forth.

JEREMIAH F. GALLIVAN,
Constable of Braintree.

Town Hall,
Braintree, November 10, 1925.

In accordance with the foregoing warrant the Town met at the time and place specified. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 o'clock P. M., by William F. Rogers, Moderator.

Article 1. Voted to consider this article in conjunction with all other articles in the Warrant.

Article 2. Voted to accept Section 37 of Chapter 82 of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 130 of the Acts of 1925 relative to the establishment of building lines.

Article 3. No action necessary.

Article 4. No action necessary.

Article 5. Referred to next Annual Town Meeting.

Article 6. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$47,000.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Fund for the payment of this Town's share of the expense of building the Quincy Avenue and Monatiquot River Bridge.

Article 7. Voted to instruct the Selectmen to lay out as a Town way, Elmlawn Road, so-called, leading from Elm Street.

Article 8. Referred to next Annual Town Meeting.

Article 9. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to remove the drinking fountain located in Storr's Square, or make such other disposition of the same as they deem best.

Voted that this meeting adjourn.

A true copy. Attest:

H. A. MONK,
Town Clerk.

Town House,
Braintree, March 23, 1925.

The Town met in accordance with adjournment from March 16. William P. Kelley in the chair.

Voted, on motion of Mr. French that the reading of the records of the last meeting be waived.

Voted, to take up Article 6.

Article 6. Voted to appropriate for expenses of Town Clerk's Department, \$800.00.

Article 90. Voted, on motion of Mr. Arrnold that a committee of 5 be appointed by the Moderator to bring in a report to the Town at its next Annual Meeting, of a method for, and costs of acquiring such additional land and sites for grade school purposes as they may deem advisable, and a plan for and estimates of such additions as may be necessary to any grade schools at that time.

Article 91. No action necessary.

Article 92. Voted to appropriate, to be expended on Plain Street Cemetery, \$550.00.

Article 93. For payment of Town Debts:

(Schools, \$10,000.00, Town Hall, \$2,000.00; Hospital, \$1,000.00; Land Damages, \$5,000.00; Electric Light, \$9,931.00)—\$27,931.00.

For payment of Interest:

Schools, \$3,970.00; Town Hall, \$600.00; Hospital, \$495.00; Anticipation of Revenue, \$6,000.00; Land Damages, \$65.51; Electric Light, \$28.00—\$13,930.51.

Article 94. Voted to appropriate for miscellaneous expenses, \$4,232.00.

Article 95. Voted, that the Town accepts with grateful appreciation, the generous gift of her son who so thoughtfully gave of his substance for the good of its present citizens as well as of those to come.

Voted, that the annual park bequest as provided in the will of the late W. E. Hollis be spent under the direction of the park commissioners.

Article 96. For Post 87, G. A. R., \$200.00; for Post 86, A. L., \$100.00, and for Lennen Murray Post, V. F. W., \$100.00, to assist them in defraying the expenses of Memorial Day.

Article 97. For insurance under the Employees' Compensation Act, \$1,500.00.

Article 98. For premiums on insurance policies, Fire and Liability, \$1,554.82.

Article 99. Voted, to appropriate for engineering, \$2,801.00, and that the Town Engineer be instructed to prepare plans for the elimination of the dangerous corners at Tremont Street and Central Avenue and present the same at the next Annual Meeting.

Article 100. Voted, to appropriate for land damages taken for highways, \$1,500.00.

Article 101. For suitable signs and signals, \$1,016.00.

Article 102. "Act to permit sports on the Lord's Day," not accepted.

Article 103. Voted, that the Selectmen be instructed to lay out a public landing place on the water front of the playground in Precinct Three.

Article 104. Voted, to appropriate \$100.00 for necessary repairs to the American Legion Building and that the Selectmen be instructed to lease the building for the term of five years to Post 86, American Legion.

Article 105. No action necessary.

Article 106. Voted, to accept Section 77 of Chapter 32, Paragraph (B), General Laws, providing that "laborer" shall include foremen, inspectors, mechanics, draw-tenders, assistant draw-tenders and store-keepers, but that no such person shall receive more than four hundred (\$400.00) dollars per year.

Article 107. Voted, to instruct the Selectmen to lay out, as a Town way, Waldron Road, so-called, running in a westerly direction from Washington Street, under the direction of the Board of Survey.

Article 108. Voted, to instruct the Selectmen to lay out, as a Town way, Hill View Road, so-called, running in a westerly direction from Washington Street, under the supervision of the Board of Survey.

Article 109. Voted, to appropriate for a Reserve Fund, \$6,000.00.

Article 5. Voted, on motion of Mr. French that a committee of 5 be appointed by the Moderator to consult with the Selectmen with a view to making arrangements for the Town to participate in the Tercentenary to be held in Quincy in June of this year.

Moderator appointed Jonathan W. French, Ellsworth Abercrombie, Hon. A. E. Avery, Mrs. Mabel F. Knight and Mrs. Mabel F. Rogers.

Mr. Avery offered the following resolution:

Resolved: That this meeting protest against the taking away of the crossing tender or tenders along the South Shore Branch of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. in Braintree.

Voted, to adopt the above resolution.

Voted, to accept the report of the committee on school-housing, thus discharging the said committee.

Voted, that the Town appropriate the aggregate sum of \$1,031,484.21, and that \$505,049.74 of that sum be raised by taxation in the current year.

At 9 o'clock P. M., the meeting was adjourned without date.

Finance Committee

For 3 Years—Bernard R. Andrews, W. J. Connell, Bert H. Reid, R. E. Whitman, Chas. D. Sheehy.

For 2 Years—Joseph Landers, Chas. A. Powers, Arthur L. Evans, W. D. Aitken, Fred Belyea.

For 1 Year—W. R. Howland, I. E. Pearson, G. L. Anderson, C. O. Miller, Charles W. Laing.

At a joint meeting of the Selectmen and the Planning Board held on April 8, 1925, Merton L. Turner was chosen to fill the vacancy on the Planning Board caused by the resignation of Paul Monaghan.

A true record. Attest:

H. A. MONK,
Town Clerk.

DOG LICENSES ISSUED TO DEC. 1, 1925.

Whole number	474
360 Males at \$2.00 each	\$720.00
69 Females at \$5.00 each	\$345.00
42 Females (Spayed) at \$2.00 each	84.00
2 Breeders Licenses at \$25.00 each	50.00
1 Breeders Licenses at \$50.00 each ..	50.00
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	\$1,249.00

CR.

June 1, By Cash Paid County Treasurer ..	\$573.40
Dec. 1, By Cash Paid County Treasurer ..	580.80
Town Clerk's Fees	94.80
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	\$1,249.00

H. A. MONK, Town Clerk.

HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING LICENSES

Whole number issued 384 value	\$469.00
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By cash paid Div. of Fisheries and Game ..	96.00
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	\$469.00

H. A. MONK, Town Clerk.

Births in 1925

JANUARY

Date	Name	Parents' Names
1	Stillborn	
2	Anthony Pincanza	Michael and Josephine
4	Charles Edward McLaughlin	Charles H. and Isabelle
5	Ralph Bertran Smith	Bertram and Clarice M.
6	Louie Rocce Leonardo	Veto A. and Grace M.
7	Mildred Louise Tillson	Edgar E. and Helen O.
7	Marjorie Pauline Bailey	Harrison W. and Kisbro
8	Virginia Guluk Utudjian	John and Susan
9	Mary Evelyn McMakin	Frank and Margaret E.
8	Jeanette Pafford	Dennis and Floris
9	Dorothy Ethel Bentley	George E. and Dorothy M.
10	Maurice Pratt Wilson	John M. and Lillian W.
10	Helen Elizabeth Hill	Albion M. and Helen
11	Elizabeth Macandrews	David and Florence
13	Donald Bishop Mackay	John R. and Dorothy
14	Pauline Mae French	Lester W. and Louise E.
15	Marion Lyons	Florence I. and Ellen A.
16	Leo Francis Levangie	Leo W. and Alice M.
17	Edith Mary Storm	Henry H. and Agnes L.
17	Stillborn	
18	Gordon Everett Thornton	George E. and Dorothy
19	Roy Julian Schmid	Julian H. and Lizette C.
20	Nunzio Messina	Antonio and Rosa
20	Verl Willaim King	Herbert W. and Emma E.
22	Helen Coveney	David L. and Mary E.
22	Elizabeth Ann Coveney	David L. and Mary E.
25	Madeline Caruso	Salvator and Ouisella
25	Helen Kelley	John J. and Frances M.
26	Robert Donovan	Willian H. and Ida F.
26	Daphine Elizabeth Carlson	Frank A. and Eizabeth E.
27	Dorothy Elizabeth MacArthur	William O. and Mildred
27	Edward Aloysius Levangie	Edward V. and Mary J.
30	Christine Charlotte Johnson	Philip O. and Christine C.
30	Marjorie Willis	George D. and Marjorie
31	Gennarino Graziano	Angelo and Angela

FEBRUARY

Date	Name	Parents' Names
1	Patricia Louise Palmer	Henry F. and Jennie A.
1	Mildred Mary Earney	George and Annabella
3	Robert Melville	Samuel C. and Amy
9	Donald Preston Rogers	George S. and Ethel L.
9	Alfred Irving Newcomb	Ernest and Caroline
9	Dorothy Carlino Richardi	Donato and Lucy
10	Lucy Jane Boettcher	Alfred W. and Theresa M.
11	Harold Forrest Ruxton, Jr.	Harold F. and Ruth M.
11	Gordon Alexander Valentine	Bertram G. and Margaret H.
15	Rosie Dorothy Richardi	Donato and Angela L.
18	Richard Waterman Luce, Jr.	Richard W. and Helen L.
19	Doris Anna Hanson	Walter and Anna E.
20	Alice Miriam Shedd	Harold A. and Ruth E.
22	Alma Ruth Mann	Charles L. and Mary R.
25	James Richmond Qualey	Lucius A. and Flora B.
26	Lillian Alice Pierce	Winfred H. and Alice V.
28	Marie Linder Holmberg	George P. and Ruth D.

MARCH

1	Harold Nibley De Mattio	Nibley and Isabelle
2	Audrey Louise McGuinness	Joseph A. and Louise N.
2	Alfred Draghetti	Evaristo and Delchisa
4	Calvin Coolidge Renaldi	John and Angelina
7	Robert Stewart	John R. and Elizabeth B.
7	Grazia Geglia	Frank and Philomena
10	Anne Powers	John J. and Helen V.
11	Mildred Tellier	Arthur L. and Clara M.
12	Virginia Ann Lourie	Richard P. and Ann
12	Louizi Coscia	Biagio and Elizabeth
15	Ruth Kathryn Dern	John J. and Ruth K.
20	Reginald Winifred Belcher	Reginald W. and Mary
22	Edith Annie Bettencourt	Lawrence and Mary E.
22	Stillbbrn	
24	John Scott Elliot	Norman H. and Josephine
25	William Le Bairron McGrath	Wiliam P. and Amariet
28	Warren Leighton Rand	Warren L. and Mary A.
28	Lillian Ellen Tassinary	Amedo and Clara
30	Virginia Murphy	Carlton E. and Margaret E.
30	Anthony Puglicci	Anthony and Antonia

APRIL

Date	Name	Parents' Names
2	———— Harrington	Arwin W. and Ruth D.
5	Namoi Alice Story	Henry R. and Alma W.
5	Stillborn	
5	Willard Clifton Sawyer	Wilbur C. and Katharine M.
6	Barbara Sabeau	Jason B. and Dorothy B.
6	Stillborn	
8	Frank Dickinson Howard	Albert L. and Madeleine A.
8	Richard Francis Waite	John L. and Gertrude E.
8	John Henry McAdam	John C. and Pauline
9	Jeanette Isabella Zeolia	Joseph F. and Winnifred
10	Lester Wilbur Farrar	Lester W. and Mary G.
12	Claire Cushman Hyland	Williard O. and Clara E.
13	Stillborn	
20	Nicolo Del Vecchio	Antonio and Marie
23	Robert Eugene Day	Archibald G. and Edna E.
23	Beverly Leona Curran	Edward C. and Helen F.
23	Stanley Edward Senecal	Alfred J. and Jennie M.
26	Audrey Monroe	George W. and Laura T.
28	Shirley Ann Hart	Leonard T. and Anna M.
29	Robert Cecil Creswell	Alpheus C. and Marion D.
30	Warren Edward Libby	Charles E. and Marion M.

MAY

1	Robert Leland Torrey	Harold F. and Hazel M.
2	John Thomas McRea	Edward A. and Margaret L.
2	Stillborn	
4	Kenneth Vincent Holmes	Rutherford B. and Annie
4	Michael Francis Cronin	Patrick L. and Elizabeth M.
5	Edward Francis Eno	Herbert J. and M. Viola
6	George Gordon Cumming	George and Alice L.
7	Gardner Wellintgon Sloane, Jr.	Gardner W. and Clara B.
7	Paul Ryan	Herbert F. and Sara E.
8	Ralph Edison Pratt	Francis L. and Lillian M.
8	Edna Gertrude Christian	Frederick J. and Theresa E.
10	Edith Marie Morse	Albert H. and Edith A.
16	Phyllis Elizabeth Ewing	William D. and Helen R.
16	Paul Elliot Berry	Burton B. and Irene R.
18	Rosena Ewart	Albert J. and Susan
20	Howard Vincent Berchtold	Edward W. and Ellen F.
20	Peggy Wood McGonnigal	Thomas C. and Marion E.

Date	Name	Parents' Names
22	Nathaniel Edwin Fryer	Nathaniel E. and Helen L.
23	Robert Thomas Smart	Robert H. and Willimian
24	Muriel Alma Cashen	Louis and Mildred
25	Mary Del Giacco	Constanta and Mischlena
26	George Augustus Mackenzie, Jr.	George A. and Marion D.
26	Christopher Anthony Drummey	Christph'r A. and Florence M.
26	Jean Elliott	James R. and Alice
29	Helen Virginia Frazier	Henry S. and Hazel M.
29	John Russell Lindsay, Jr.	John R. and Margaret E.

JUNE

2	Helen Elizabeth Clark	Lester W. and Dorothy I.
2	Leo James Foley	John J. and Margaret M.
3	Betty Frances De Young	George H. and Hazel F.
4	Enrico Melchionno	Gallano and Marie A.
4	Jannette Annabella O'Neill	George H. and Jennie E.
5	Lucy Duffy	Joseph M. and Delphina
5	Charles Francis McNulty	Michael A. and Lucy A.
7	Virginia May Bowie	Winfield M. and Viola F.
7	William Hubert Bowie	William D. and Minnie
7	Eleanor Mae Driscoll	Henry C. and Marion
8	Helena Damiao	Peter and Haggiar
8	Barbara Abbie Record	Harold R. and Agnes A.
9	Charlotte Eleanor Deyo	Clifton J. and Elizabeth M.
11	Joseph Dennis Mahoney, Jr.	Joseph D. and Lillian M.
12	Arthur Lawson Buker, Jr.	Arthur L. and Annie J.
14	Ruth Elizabeth Chisholm	Avon C. and Alice H.
15	Dorothy Krrynzel	Walter and Margaret E.
15	Ruth Foley	Thomas V. and Gertrude E.
18	Marcia Billings	Wilfred O. and Edith C.
19	Arthur William O'Connor, Jr.	Arthur W. and Carrie J.
21	Marjorie Elsie Drollett	Frank W. and Helen W.
21	Kenneth Brewster Pratt	Harold S. and Ethel M.
22	William Monroe Barrows	Wilford W. and Hazel B.
23	Arthur Barnard Nelson	Anton and Rhoda
27	Clinton Joseph Hennebury	Thomas J. and May M.
28	Robert Whitcomb	Aaron P. and Arline L.
28	John Lincoln Mott	Arthur T. and Violet H.
29	Stillborn	
30	Margaret Janet Collier	Arthur A. and May A.
30	John Francis Lane	John E. and Katherine
30	Mary Sullivan	Timothy D. Jr. and Anna W.

JULY

Date	Name	Parents' Names
1	Claire Carter	Arthur W. and Julia G.
1	Dorothy Argentini	Joseph and Mary S.
1	Gertrude Louise Allen	Markley A. and Edith M.
3	Lucien Richardi	Antonio and Mary M.
5	Paul Douglas Taylor	Harold and Mary
5	Robert Edward Ernst	Elden R. and Cecelia
7	Katherine Blanche Briggs	Rice R. and Jennie
7	Wendell Ellsworth Norris	Harold E. and Janice B.
8	Frederick Arthur Thornley	Frederick A. and Helen M.
8	Marjorie Thompson	Earl A. and Victoria I.
9	Marie Frances Frazier	Harold and Anna
10	Eleanor Margaret Wyman	George L. and Edna F.
11	John Costantino	John and Susie M.
12	Margaret Mary Burns	Joseph F. and Viola M.
14	Norma Louise Roeblad	Sven G. and Mary
14	James Joseph McSharry	Thomas and Mary A.
15	Clifford Norman Emmett	Thomas and Nellie M.
16	Ruth Louise Wentworth	Frank E. and Mary G.
16	Elizabeth Oralee Starkey	James H. and Bertha A.
17	George Theodore Menchin	Charles A. and Esther
17	Leroy Avard Wyman	Leroy and Lillian I.
18	David William Martin	Frederick and Helen
19	Lawrence Robert Abbott	Lawrence R. and Esther P.
20	Louis Faustina	Louis and Anna
20	William Earle Whiting	Earle M. and Madeline
23	Edna Alice Hurley	John A. and Susan E.
24	Rita Alice Roach	Marshall and Delina
24	Ethel Pauline Young	Clifton H. and Lillian
24	Grace Eleanor Coccozello	Joseph A. and Josephine
25	Virginia Marie Lambedt	John J. and Josephine A.
25	May Estelle Phelps	Earle M. and Florence E.
25	Allan Vowells	Lambert A. and Marjorie E.
26	James Joseph Ruddy	James and Elizabeth
29	Edwin Robert Cassidy	Robert F. and Genevieve
30	William Blaisdell Harding	John W. and Dorothy
30	John Wheeler Harding	John W. and Dorothy
31	John William Callahan	Jeremiah J. and Marie F.
31	George Wilford Woodsum	George T. and Lillian M.

AUGUST

2	Ernest William Smith	Ernest and Lilian
5	Cynthia Ann Terry	Earle B. and Anna

Date	Name	Parents' Names
8	John Smith	William E. and Jennie
8	Robert Andrew Cheverie	Owen and Helen
8	Janet Parker	Joseph W. and Elinor S.
9	Francis Gregory	Francis and Mary
10	Ralph Prestat Melville	William H. and Marie E.
10	Eleanor Ruth Torrey	Roland H. and Olive C.
11	Mary Elizabeth Farrell	Wilfred J. and Mary E.
11	Antonette Frances Carmato Carlozzi	Carl and Della
12	Charlotte Elizabeth Torrey Hall	Samuel H. and Harriet E.
12	Walter Richard Roberts	Herbert W. and Marion J.
16	Harold Bernard Smith	Harold F. and Marion L.
17	Pauline Warner	Charles A. and Hazel C.
18	Frederick Arthur Peck	Harry C. and Aimer A.
19	Charles Richard Leggitt	Charles W. and Margaret L.
19	Robert Wesley Coose	Edwin F. and Sadie
19	Frederick Lester Towne	Frank and Sadie
22	Robert Broadford	John and Agnes
22	Evelyn Frances Weenhouse	William and Eanie
23	Frances Tirrell	Karl J. and Ralings
23	Gloria Priscilla Rinaldi	Francesco and Mary
26	Raymond Everett Bence, Jr.	Raymond E. and Bertha A.
27	Ruth Dorothy Cohen	Ephram and Martha
28	Mary Frances Weixler	Richard C. and Mary F.
28	Stillborn	
29	Stillborn	

SEPTEMBER

1	Priscilla Mildred Townsend	Joseph R. and Maude
2	Robert Eldon Wishart	James A. and Anne G.
3	George Oliver St. Andre	Arthur O. and Alice E.
3	Alice Arline Levangie	Joseph C. and Mary S.
4	Harry Leslie Moore, Jr.	Harry L. and Gladys B.
5	Eleanor Otis Allen	Morrill R. and Dorothy C.
5	Katherine Grace Gilbert	Harry M. and Katherine E.
8	Mildred Naomi Magee	Chester W. and Evelyn M.
6	John Francis Sullivan	Daniel J. and Ella
11	Martha Eleanor Forsyth	Burton H. and Martha E.
13	Virginia Furlong	Edward T. and Julia
16	John James McCue	James P. and Mary A.
16	Ioalanda Avitable	Antonio and Alvira
17	Marjorie Theresa Crowe	John B. and Mary T.

Date	Name	Parents' Names
18	Nesbitt Clark Gideon	William F. and Josephine M.
18	William Alfred Lawrence, Jr.	William A. and Ruth M.
18	John Thomas Dempsey	Thomas J. and Aberta
18	Norman Edward Diotte	Alexander and Flora L.
19	Adrian Carl Farmer, Jr.	Adrian C. and Bernice E.
20	Frances Noveo	Saveo and Teresa
23	Stanley Arthur Robertson	Joseph E. and Hannah
25	Mary Audrey Scanlon	William and Elizabeth M.
26	Sebastiano Leo	Angelo and Natzia
27	George Arnold Prescott	George A. and Rachel A.
27	Donald Coes Jamieson	Bertrand S. and Marjory
27	John Laurence McDonnell	John J. and Margaret C.
27	Jerald Joseph Post	Robert and Marjorie
27	John Eliot Taber	Harry W. and Grace M.
28	Helena May Behan	Eugene H. and Gladys M.
28	Stillborn	
29	Alice Barbara Cullen	Joseph and Alice G.
29	Iva Lillian Ford	Edmund T. and Florence V.
30	Margaret Milver	Francis E. and Marion

OCTOBER

3	Joseph Lodi	James C. and Elizabeth M.
3	Lawrence Norman Handen	Percy C. and Anna
3	Marguerite Louise LeVangie	Stephen J. and Florence E.
3	Helen Louise Levangie	Alexander and Fannie
4	Russell Wilbur Horsman	Roy S. and Jean P.
4	Mary Jane Carty	Joseph J. and Eliza D.
5	Abel Manganello	Antonia and Camela
7	Helen Pauline Reviere	George L. and Helen F.
8	Barbara Burns	Edward S. Jr., and Jean C.
9	Ruth Ann Cahill	Horace T. and Josephine
9	Mary Eleanor Tully	Francis F. and Eleanor E.
13	Elizabeth Jane Pray	Lawrence E. and Agnes J.
14	Robert Hans Johnson	Charles M. and Emily
14	Richard Stetson Ellis	Leslie C. and Ruth S.
15	Rosie Medico	Dominic and Christine R.
17	Virginia Rose Russell	Carlton J. and Louise F.
17	George William Lundgren	Gosta W. and Helga
17	Joyce Eileen Burke	John M. and Martha P.
18	Dorothy Ann Pacifico	Jacob and Blanche
19	Mary Patricia Meade	Richard and Katherine
20	Marjorie Ann Drinkwater	Frederick A. and Anna M.
20	Mary Elvina Gately	Phillip S. and Edna L.

Date	Name	Parents' Names
22	Stillborn	
22	Shirley Ann Baker	George H. and Doris
24	Phillip Wesley Haley	David N. and Blanche
24	Russell Anderson	Thomas F. and Julia
25	Duncan Harry South	Theodore and Ellen
25	Marion Isabelle Francis	Donald B. and Dorothy
25	Eleinor Irene Starr	Harold J. and Mary E.
27	Richard Parkman Thrasher	Harry G. and Helen J.
30	Eugenia Ewell	Burton Q. and Sophia E.

NOVEMBER

3	Robert Melvin Ferris	John M. and Phyllis I.
5	Stillborn	
5	Stillborn	
10	Robert Wallace Bewley	James E. and Ruth M.
10	Stanley Dawson Shores, Jr.	Stanley D. and Dorothy L.
10	Alice Venuti	Paulo S. and Mollie
12	David Michael Bensusan	David and Mary J.
14	Calvin William Dodge	Calvin M. and Amy B.
16	Mary Woods Phemister	Alexander and Mary
16	Mary Bernice Larsen	John and Bertha K.
17	Joseph Harry Broadford	Joseph A. and Annie G.
18	Franklin Willard Thurlow	Earl C. and Edith F.
18	Ruth Ellen Burke	John J. and Leah
20	Martha Sklavos	Theodore and Estella
22	William Henry Pratt, 2nd	William H. Jr. and Helen E.
25	Shirley May Twitchell	Lawson B. and Mildred L.
26	Robert Lewis Thompson	George W. and Augusta L.
26	Richard Sherlock Key	Reginald H. and Marguerite L.
28	Ruth Margaret Carroll	Daniel M. and Bessie G.
29	Russell Drew Raymond	Frank H. and Bertha M.
30	Margaret Theresa Smith	Thomas J. and Catherine C.
30	Stillborn	

DECEMBER

3	Robert James Moore	Thomas J. and Mary A.
3	William Ingram McCullough	William I. and Helen E.
4	Donald Linwood Johnson	Roger L. and Laura M.
8	Shirley Mae Holbrook	Porter E. and Frances M.
9	Helen Elizabeth Kelly	Joseph H. and Elizabeth C.
9	Edmund Robert Irish	Charles E. and Rose V.

Date	Name	Parents' Names
9	Edward Randall Hopkins	Ralph E. and Mabel J.
9	John Farquharson Day	John F. and Mabel S.
10	Mary Auurelia Vincenti	Joseph and Marian.
10	Janice Burpee	Maurice E. and Jane E.
11	Rose Lillian Carlson	Iver C. and Agnes E.
11	Roberta Claire Brennan	John E. and Inez E.
13	Shirley Eleanor Nelson	Ernest W. and Eva E.
13	Pauline Louise Oakley	Arthur G. and Daisy M.
13	Esther Frances Arnold	Edwin B. and Mary E.
13	Dorothy Norma Stride	Arnal E. and Katherine.
14	Stillborn	
15	Joseph Gorman	Edward and Katherine A.
16	Stillborn	
17	Virginia Gertrude Denton	Warren E. Jr. and Gertrude.
17	Elmer Warren Vaughn	Elmer W. and Margaret M.
18	John Ellis Leszkiewicz	Joseph and Miriam.
20	Gene Louise Sanford	Burpee O. and Ida E.
20	Ellen Jane Hughes	William J. and Helena.
21	Barbara Irene Cowe	Melvin G. and Irene G.
21	Clinton Erving Bates	Clinton E. and Marion.
21	Wilbur Edwin Holmes	George W. and Edna L.
23	Clarence ^a Brooks Callahan	Harley W. and Bessie M.
23	Harley Washington Callahan, Jr.	Harley W. and Bessie M.
23	Stillborn	
26	Anna Campbell	Francis J. and Mildred L.
27	Elizabeth Prince Frost	Harold and Florence
27	Paul Edward Dovell	Paul H. and Angelina R.
27	Gloria Mildred Deshong	August and Agnes
31	Lois Marie Crossman	Sidney C. and Alice B.
31	Teresa Eunice McInnis	Francis J. and Helen S.
31	Patricia Avis Carr	Donald S. and Helen B.

Marriages in 1925

JANUARY

Date	Name	Residence
1	Leonard F. Cushing	Weymouth
	Edna G. Maguire	Braintree
7	Cornelius H. Driscoll	Braintree
	Marion B. Shallies	Braintree
12	Frederick Richardson	Braintree
	Pearl J. Muller	Braintree
17	William E. Smith	Quincy
	Jennie Ritchie	Braintree
17	Herbert L. Jencks	Braintree
	Wilhelmina (Huttemer) Tyler	Braintree
17	Harold F. Pearson	Braintree
	Margaret S. Mathieson	Quincy

FEBRUARY

7	Harvey G. Lyons	Randolph
	Grace E. Burnham	Braintree
11	Henry E. Cluney	Somerville
	Margaret H. Cole	Randolph
11	Berton Q. Elwell	Braintree
	Sophie E. Johnson	Quincy
14	Victor H. Heurlin	Braintree
	Marion F. Turner	Medford
14	Lewis A. Pelbrine	Braintree
	Levina (McCormick) Jenkins	Boston
15	Burton H. Forsyth	Braintree
	Martha E. Johanson	Braintree
21	Clement E. Doucette	Braintree
	Catherine C. Holohan	Medford
22	David F. Twomey	Braintree
	Isabel M. Smith	Quincy
28	Aaron P. Whitcomb	Braintree
	Arline L. Felix	Rockland

MARCH

Date	Name	Residence
14	George H. Baker	Braintree
	Doris S. Newcomb	Weymouth
21	George Cogswell	Quincy
	Helen M. (Colby) White	Weymouth

APRIL

4	John J. McDonnell	Braintree
	Margaret C. Tracey	W. Quincy
8	Henry E. Maguire	Braintree
	Anna M. McCluskey	E. Weymouth
11	Harold V. Seavey, 2nd	Chicago, Ill.
	Edith G. Pratt	Braintree
12	Joseph P. Hall	Brockton
	Mary A. LeVangie	Braintree
18	James H. Milk	Quincy
	Marion L. Gould	Braintree
17	Daniel J. Mills	Quincy
	Helen R. Clark	Braintree
19	Pasquale Grazioso	Braintree
	Pasqualena Forlomo	Braintree
19	Walter Gerald Carson	Quincy
	Doris M. Kirby	Braintree
19	Salvatore Amato	Charlestown
	Ethel J. (Monaghan) Tucker	Braintree
19	Ralph E. Thomas	Braintree
	Mary E. Potter	Braintree
20	William R. Westland	Quincy
	Thelma M. Reed	Braintree
20	Alphonse De Giso	Revere
	Bertha Cioppa	Braintree
20	Arthur L. Buker	Braintree
	Annie Hollinshead	Braintree
22	Frank Berlucchi	Quincy
	Irene F. O'Connor	Braintree
26	Daniel A. Maloney	Braintree
	Margaret Leary	Quincy
28	Ivan P. Hadley	Braintree
	S. Marion Dutton	Quincy

MAY

Date	Name	Residence
4	William P. Frazier	Braintree
	Evelyn L. (Cahill) Smith	Braintree
6	Charles W. Laing	Braintree
	Jane D. Waters	Brookline
12	Charles B. Warburton	Braintree
	Mary M. Steele	Boston
21	Charles L. McCullin	Weymouth
	Frances Snow	Weymouth
28	Amos E. Damon	Quincy
	Charlotte A. (Mitchell) Bates	Braintree

JUNE

2	Ralph Sala	Braintree
	Flavia Venuto	Braintree
8	John T. Melville	Braintree
	Edna C. Howland	Whitman
8	Henry I. Rogers	N. Weymouth
	Helen M. Earley	Braintree
9	Clinton J. Scollard	Braintree
	Mary E. Wherity	Hingham
13	George F. Merrill	Atlantic
	Helen C. Carroll	Braintree
15	Otis N. Randall	Braintree
	Helen J. Smith	Quincy
20	Leon J. Edwards	Braintree
	Mildred E. Sears	Holbrook
20	Theron I. Cain	Braintree
	Ruth E. Kingman	Somerville
20	George R. Brown	Braintree
	Eunice M. (Sears) Berryman	Holbrook
21	William A. Hollis	Braintree
	Elizabeth E. Bumpus	Braintree
22	Ray C. Call	Braintree
	Virginia S. (Wheeler) Anderson	Randolph
27	Albert J. Carroll	Dorchester
	Elida J. LeVangie	Braintree
28	Edward F. Finnegan	Braintree
	Mary E. Kelley	W. Quincy
28	Harry E. Rinel	Quincy

Date	Name	Residence
	Catherine A. McCarthy	Braintree
29	Maurice A. Osgood	Braintree
	Frances E. Zimmer	Braintree
29	James E. Van Amburgh	Plymouth
	Mabelle A. Jefferson	Braintree
29	Rufus A. Smith	Braintree
	Lena G. Hunt	Braintree

JULY

4	James J. Gaston	Braintree
	Irene Langhorne	Quincy
10	Lawrence R. Wetherbee	Braintree
	Gladys I. C. Jansen	Braintree
18	Ralph C. Hollis	Braintree
	Ella Mary McKean	Braintree
26	John S. McLaughlin	Quincy
	Delia Welcome	Derry, N. H.
30	Alfred Granina	Braintree
	Norma Moralle	Quincy

AUGUST

1	Fred M. Illingworth	Braintree
	Doris C. Widdop	Wollaston
1	Harry C. Gifford	Braintree
	Marcella F. Faulknerham	Brookline
4	Porter E. Holbrook	Braintree
	Frances Marion Berry	Braintree
8	Peter Murray Reynolds	Quincy
	Miriam E. Thompson	Braintree
9	Alfred DeYoung	Braintree
	Mary J. Holden	Randolph
22	Joseph W. Trott	Braintree
	Alice Ida Clark	W. Quincy
17	Hugo August Johnson	Quincy
	Edith Louise Wolfe	Weymouth
24	Albert Everett Spencer	Braintree
	Olive Theresa Wynot	Braintree
28	Napoleon Sylva Bourget	Braintree
	Julia Marie Shepard	Braintree
29	Harry Wayland Elliott	Braintree

Date	Name	Residence
	Ethel Ann Bernhart	So. Weymouth
29	Arthur S. Bate	Braintree
	Gertrude E. Piercy	Braintree
29	Clarence J. Thrower	Weymouth
	Hannah Spence	Weymouth

SEPTEMBER

3	Arthur E. Cobb	Braintree
	Virginia H. Russell	Cambridge
3	Harold S. Palmer	Quincy
	Susie A. Poole	Braintree
4	Porter W. Thompson	Braintree
	Ada L. Bower	Braintree
4	Joseph Levangie	Braintree
	Anna Fitzgibbons	Braintree
4	Roy C. Lucas	Weymouth
	Ellen L. Danielson	Weymouth
6	Alfred Marasca	E. Boston
	Helen Roer	Braintree
6	Robert M. Crispi	Somerville
	Beatrice V. King	Braintree
6	Leo Ryder	E. Boston
	Esther Roer	Braintree
6	Joseph Ciota	Lynn
	Ida DiLillo	Braintree
7	Harold W. Coose	Braintree
	Rose C. Sartosi	W. Quincy
12	Harold W. Brackett	Braintree
	Doris M. Look	Leominster
12	Francis Hannigan	Braintree
	Jennie D. Thayer	Brockton
13	Frank Magazu	Braintree
	Elvira Palmieri	Braintree
19	Charles A. Crowley	Brookline
	Josephine G. Erwin	Braintree
30	Stewart L. Dutton	Natick
	Lucy M. Forcy	Braintree

OCTOBER

3	Alfred H. Holbrook, Jr.	Braintree
	Abbie L. Curtis	Quincy

Date	Name	Residence
4	Patrick T. Donahue	Braintree
	Mary L. Durfee	Braintree
7	Frederick Inkley	Rockland
	Mary P. Schraut	Braintree
7	Alton L. Douglas	Braintree
	Dorris M. Calder	South Hanson
10	Joseph Vincenti	S.S. Riverdavia, Argentine Navy
	Marion Migliorini	Braintree
11	Fidelis J. Chererie	No. Weymouth
	Eliza Delory	Braintree
12	John A. McQuillen	E. Boston
	Mary A. H. Gagan	Braintree
12	Warren E. Gerstel	Braintree
	Ethel M. McCarthy	Braintree
12	James P. Dillon	Braintree
	Nellie M. Moriarty	Brookline
14	Herbert B. Hollis	Braintree
	Bertha A. Marquardt	Braintree
14	Ernest Bent	Braintree
	Eva M. Harrington	Holbrook
15	Walter J. Kennedy	E. Weymouth
	Elizabeth Mateer	Braintree
21	Michael Killory	Wollaston
	Mary McClellan	Braintree
24	Louis B. Gunville	Braintree
	Elizabeth M. Kinges	Brookline
24	Earl B. Nichols	W. Somerville
	Esther L. Kjellander	Braintree
24	Joseph H. Mason	Braintree
	M. Gertrude Flavell	Braintree
26	John F. McNulty	Braintree
	Elizabeth Gannon	Adams
28	Arthur C. Koveter	Braintree
	Margaret B. Sullivan	Braintree
29	Paul H. Dovell	Wollaston
	Angelina R. Vecchi	Braintree

NOVEMBER

1	Frank J. Berg	Braintree
	Harriet S. O'Connor	Braintree
2	Edward L. McLeod	Boston

Date	Name	Residence
	Doris M. Soule	Braintree
18	Norton P. Potter	Braintree
	Mabel Blake	Beverly
22	Carl Kjellander	Braintree
	Annie M. MacKenzie	Braintree
23	Stephen F. Seavey	Portland, Me.
	Martha Smardon	Portland, Me.
26	Domenick Beradinis	Braintree
	Antonette Venuti	Braintree
29	Michael De Francesco	Braintree
	Rose A. Puglisi	Braintree

DECEMBER

6	Philip E. Holder	Braintree
	Anna Gunn	Boston
9	Edward Avery	Braintree
	Margaret L. Vining	Braintree
15	Willard T. Simonds	Braintree
	Viola E. Sherman	No. Weymouth
17	Avelino Andrews	Braintree
	Lucille Hampton	Boston
18	Robert F. Horte	Braintree
	Mary T. Hawes	Braintree
19	Fred J. Pezella	Braintree
	Charlotte Hathaway	Braintree
20	Vincent Vecchione	Braintree
	Angelina Richardi	Braintree
30	Charles H. Koffinke	Braintree
	Lucy A. Cronin	Holbrook

Whole number of Marriages 121.

Residence of males—Braintree, 80; other places in Massachusetts, 38; Ill., Me., Argantine, one each.

Residence of females—Braintree, 70; other places in Massachusetts, 50; Maine, 1.

Birthplaces of males—Braintree, 33; other places in Massachusetts, 52; Italy, 7; British Provinces, 7; Maine, 4; N. Y., 3;

Conn., 2; N. H., 2; Va., 2; Penn., 2; R. I., Scotland, Vt., Argentine, Finland, Portugal, unknown, one each.

Birthplaces of females—Braintree, 21; other places in Massachusetts, 68; British Provinces, 6; Italy, 5; Maine, 3; Ireland, 3; N. H., 2; Vt., 2; Pa., 2; Scotland, Finland, Sweden, England, Md., Texas, R. I., So. Carolina, N. Y., one each.

Marriages solemnized in Braintree, 53; Quincy, 22; Weymouth, 12; Holbrook, 4; Randolph, 2; other places in Massachusetts, 23; N. H., 5.

Death in 1925

JANUARY

Date	Name	Birthplace	Age
1	Stillborn	Weymouth	0— 0— 0
1	Robert E. Audlee	St. Albans, Vt.	56— 5—24
9	Thomas F. Mulligan	Braintree	67— 0— 0
9	Helen Gordon Horrigan	Cambridge	29— 0—18
10	William H. Thompson	Quincy	25— 0— 0
10	Eugene Bertron Smith	Cornville, Me.	46— 4— 6
11	Felix A. Sogarino	Italy	80— 0— 0
14	Roxanna Wright Longley	Nashua, N. H.	80—11—20
14	Mercie Parker Jenkins	Barnstable	82— 1—10
16	Henrietta Billings	So. Boston	34— 8—13
17	Stillborn	Braintree	0— 0— 0
17	Dennis Sheehan	Ireland	60— 0—22
20	Hattie A. Castle	W. Eden, Me.	71— 8—20
21	Clarence Peter Moody	So. Weymouth	0—10— 5
22	Delcie Munroe Johnson	Middleboro	0— 1—30
25	Ethel E. Mullen	E. Milton	19— 8— 4
25	George H. Bates	Boston	73— 2—23
29	Robert Donovan	Braintree	0— 0— 2
30	Frank W. Couillard	Cohasset	60— 3—16
31	Joseph M. Allen	Braintree	76— 4— 7

FEBRUARY

1	Leo F. McMahon	Braintree	0— 4— 8
2	William May	England	75— 0— 0
2	Thomas J. McCormick	Ireland	82— 0— 0
3	George Currier Downing	Lynn	51— 5— 3
4	John William Burke, Jr.	Quincy	2— 3—28
5	Charles Alfred Hallberg	Sweden	60— 8—29
7	Caroline Foster	Phila, Pa.	76— 3— 5
9	John E. Gregor	Scotland	11— 2—15
11	Virginia Merrill Thomas	Brockton	4— 5—10
13	Rebecca Howe Morrison	Marlboro	78— 5— 8

Date	Name	Birthplace	Age
16	Edith Sladen	Saugus	59— 0—15
18	Elizabeth Tuariniemi	Finland	45—10—23
19	John P. Dugan	Braintree	63— 8—10
19	Theresa Fabaini	Italy	65— 5— 0
21	Charles T. Taylor	Plymouth	57— 2—15
22	Anna Geraldine Currie	Quincy	0—10— 0
22	Louis De Young	Nova Scotia	60— 0— 0
23	Alexander P. Mattie	Braintree	24—11—11
25	Liza Reekstin	Russia	63— 0— 0
26	Catherine A. Troy	Boston	21— 8— 6
26	Margaret E. Little	Ireland	75— 0— 0
28	Catherine Dillon	Ireland	58— 0— 0

MARCH

2	Henry Buzzi	Italy	64— 0—21
4	Joseph Jackson Kingsbury	Quechee, Vt.	56— 6—27
8	Eliza J. Smith	Scituate	78— 1—20
10	Kenneth Emerson Melvin	Braintree	0— 0—17
11	John McManus	Ireland	79— 0— 0
12	Malvern Ross Shaw	Nova Scotia	82— 9— 2
12	Joseph Pendleton	Suncook, N. H.	45—11— 8
13	Margaret Phillips	Scotland	47— 0—23
17	Bertha Cushing Call	Milton	55—11—10
18	George A. Albonetti	Quincy	12— 7—10
22	Perfenda Mary Reynolds	Wilton, Me.	80— 8—19
24	———— Richards	Braintree	0— 0— 2
24	Emma L. Mitchell	England	57— 5—11
29	George C. Almquist	Sweden	54— 6— 2
29	Maria L. Pratt	Braintree	72— 6—15
30	George H. J. Walsh	Boston	48— 0— 0
16	George H. Turner	England	55— 0— 0

APRIL

1	Henry Stevens	Boston	23— 8—10
5	Stillborn	Braintree	0— 0— 0
6	Stillborn	Braintree	0— 0— 0
7	Leo Folan	Canton	32— 5—23
7	Sarah Elizabeth Mastin	Hampton, N. H.	81— 3—27
8	Chester A. Paul	Brooklyn, N. Y.	44— 6—14
8	Mary Louise Morrow	P. E. I.	77—11—32

Date	Name	Birthplace	Age
11	Eliza Collins	Ireland	90— 0— 0
13	Stillborn	Braintree	0— 0— 0
15	Alfred Giovanini	Somerville	22—10— 9
16	Stephen Bogatowska	Phila, Pa.	21— 5— 9
19	Charles Nils Nelson	Sweden	65— 5—27
24	George Yates Kells	Rensselaar, N.Y.	53— 9—23
25	William F. Mohan	Weymouth	1— 1—20
26	Annie E. Pratt	Ireland	44— 0— 0
27	Harriet E. Malvena	Braintree	68—11—26
29	Alice M. Brown	Quincy	4— 7— 0

MAY

2	Stillborn	Quincy	0— 0— 0
3	Herbert G. White	Braintree	68—10—18
4	Emil Kinnunen	Finland	48— 4— 3
6	H. Ernest Southworth	Braintree	46— 7— 8
7	Annette Sofia Nelson	Sweden	56— 9—29
8	Otis E. Riford	Canton	46— 5—20
11	Henry W. Mansfield	Braintree	62— 7—26
12	William L. Gage	Braintree	79— 4—22
13	Margaret Morrison	Quincy	19— 7— 7
13	Alfred P. Willett	Cambridge	27— 4— 2
17	John Barresi	Italy	39— 6— 6
20	Carrie S. Hoyt	Milltown, Me.	64—11— 1
25	Margaret A. McAdams	P. E. I.	49— 4—24
26	Eliza Hobart Hobart	Pembroke	73— 3— 6
27	Leona Downing	Quincy	16— 0— 0
27	Sophie Christine Peterson	Sweden	60— 4— 7
27	James F. McDonald	Ireland	85— 0— 0

JUNE

1	Mae Louise Bergeron	Weymouth	41— 5—12
1	Louis Vecchi	Italy	22— 0— 0
4	Myra Frances Stevens	Braintree	85— 9—17
6	Ellen F. Coneton	Stainford, Conn.	78— 0— 0
10	Edmund J. Veno	Braintree	2— 1—17
10	Harriet I. Bryan	So. Boston	10— 4—20
12	Mary Ann Buker	Rockland, Me.	90— 9— 7
13	Arthur L. Buker, Jr.	Braintree	0— 0— 2
14	Raymond Morrill	Quincy	39— 3— 9

Date	Name	Birthplace	Age
14	Virginia Scott	Putnam, Conn.	57— 1—18
17	Margaret Alice Creedon	Brockton	14— 8— 1
19	Louise McKeough	Nova Scotia	39— 8— 1
24	John Chisicohiello	Boston	24— 0— 0
26	Charles McGilvery	Quincy	44— 5—14
29	Stillborn	Braintree	0— 0— 0
30	Dennis A. Bresnahan	Boston	57— 1— 8

JULY

1	John T. Owens	Fairhaven, Vt.	62— 8— 5
1	Victor W. Albinetti	Braintree	6— 7—16
4	Rosalie M. Roach	Lowell	43— 0— 0
11	Caesar Marini	Quincy	20—11— 0
11	Henry Henrickson	Quincy	27— 2—23
11	William E. Leonard	Brockton	77— 4—15
12	Nicholas Venuti	Boston	16—10—25
14	Nellie Anrilla Arnold	Randolph	72—10—36
17	Lillian Isabel Wyman	St. Johns, N. B.	23— 6—10
24	Edward J. Hughes	Ireland	65— 0— 0
25	Anna Mary Little	Milford, N. Y.	73— 2—10
31	Louise Olivene Rand	Spencer	73— 0— 0

AUGUST

1	William Herbert Stevens	Braintree	69— 7—20
12	Harold Bridgham	Haverhill	22— 7—20
13	Josephine Holbrook	Stoughton	76—11—29
20	Duncan MacLachlan	Scotland	76— 2—26
20	David L. Coveney	Cambridge	30— 9—22
27	Mary M. Borden	Maccan, N. S.	48— 2—25
28	George Michael Keefe	Weymouth	46— 0— 0
28	Stillborn	Braintree	0— 0— 0
30	Stillborn	Braintree	0— 0— 0
31	Patrick L. Kelley	Boston	32— 1—28

SEPTEMBER

1	Daniel W. Arnold	Weymouth	31— 8— 0
4	Francis Lewis Pratt	Braintree	72—11— 5
6	Frederick T. Mullen	Fox Island, Me.	51— 0— 0

Date	Name	Birthplace	Age
8	Emblem Emma Shaw	Granville	78— 3—15
9	Walter Thibodeau	Braintree	0— 0— 5
10	Melvina Drake	Hinsdale, N. H.	22—11—17
10	Zilpha A. B. Putnam	Bridgeton, Me.	91— 2—26
13	Mary S. Morrison	Nova Scotia	78— 5—20
15	Emil S. Stobel	So. Boston	42— 5—15
15	Clara Isora Dustin	Braintree	49— 9—21
20	Nesbitt C. Gideon	Braintree	0— 0— 2
25	Cantana DiBona	Italy	45— 0— 0
25	Joseph Hewlett Trott	St. John, N. S.	59—11—22
30	Arthur F. Sauntery	Springfield	34— 7— 8
30	Charles Albert Hobart	Braintree	73— 4—10

OCTOBER

1	Manuel Amado	Cape De Verd Island	29— 0— 2
4	Ruth Stewart	New Brunswick	64— 5—12
5	Jacob P. Wachtel	Boston	51— 8—29
6	George E. Alexander	Braintree	15— 8—28
6	Albert Rich Hobart	Braintree	66— 8— 9
8	Thomas McAviney	Ireland	71— 0— 0
8	M. Frances Billings	Randolph	90— 0—13
9	Bessie C. Monroe	Hingham	58—11— 7
9	Stillborn	Braintree	0— 0— 0
10	Frank W. Nicholson	Plymouth	50— 0— 0
10	Henry F. Allen	Charlton	68— 0— 0
16	Willard Crocker Lovell	Mansfield	53— 6—29
16	Charles Henry Paine	Northbridge	83— 0— 0
16	Maurice Augustine Colbert	Braintree	67— 2—11
18	Emily Pentz	Massachusetts	81— 8— 1
18	Conradine Forst	Germany	88— 4— 6
22	John Sutcliffe	England	50— 9— 5
22	Stillborn	Braintree	0— 0— 0
24	Hannah Benedict	Ireland	48— 4— 8
26	Emily L. Collins	So. Boston	47— 4—22
26	Charles Fisher	Braintree	71— 4— 0

NOVEMBER

5	Mary J. Saija	Weymouth	35—11—23
5	Stillborn	Quincy	0— 0— 0
5	Stillborn	Quincy	0— 0— 0

Date	Name	Birthplace	Age
6	Inez Mary Madden	Braintree	52— 1—26
9	Alice White	Newfoundland	25— 4—18
9	Robert Eldon Wishart	Braintree	0— 2— 7
9	Catherine T. Morse	Mansfield	42— 0—26
10	Cordelia F. Smith	Brockton	79— 2— 9
10	Stanley Sinkevicz	Lithuania	50— 6— 5
10	Simeon E. Margeson	Nova Scotia	84— 0—10
10	John W. Abbott	Woodsville N.H.	67— 7— 9
11	Anna P. Loring	Cambridge	84— 3—23
13	William McCaffrey	Scotland	42— 9—10
16	Helen Mullarkey	Quincy	25— 2— 5
16	Annie E. Taylor	Brooklyn, N. Y.	67— 2—19
17	John DePasquale	Franklin	22— 4—26
17	William Scott	Nova Scotia	79— 7— 0
18	Lucia A. Case	Cant'n C., Con.	82— 6—22
19	Peter Kearney	Chelsea	22— 7—28
23	Alfred Y. Olson	Quincy	23— 8—15
27	Charlotte M. Kimberley	Colebrook Conn.	88— 6—19
28	Andrew Gibson	Ireland	46— 8—24
28	Francis E. Orcutt	Braintree	0— 1—14
29	Helen B. Holmes	Orange	31— 9—24
29	Sarah A. Pitcher	Waldeboro, Me.	97— 9— 1
30	Stillborn	Braintree	0— 0— 0

DECEMBER

1	Erasin Randick	Hungary	42— 0— 0
1	John Smith	Winburne, Pa.	27— 0— 0
5	Mary A. Cook	Ellsworth, Me.	76— 2—26
5	Amelia Hansen	Denmark	65— 3—29
8	Benjamin Clow	Scotland	86— 7—12
8	James M. Shea	Gassenbury, Ct.	59— 8— 2
9	Ada Baker	Newfoundland	29— 1—16
9	Louisa M. Newcomb	Medford	84— 7— 8
9	Elizabeth A. Anderson	Nova Scotia	49— 6— 9
12	William H. Dalby	Scituate	69— 3— 2
12	Leo Dumais	Braintree	20— 0—29
13	Lydia A. Hollis	Seekonk	87— 8—16
14	Stillborn	Braintree	0— 0— 0
15	Stillborn	Quincy	0— 0— 0
17	Bertha L. I. Hobart	Nova Scotia	54—10— 3
23	Stillborn	Braintree	0— 0— 0
30	Richard T. Rollins	Kala'zoo, Mich.	59— 6—20

Whole number of Marriages, 121.

Residence of males—Braintree, 80; other places in Massachusetts, 38; Illinois, Maine, Argentine, one each.

Residence of females—Braintree, 70; other places in Massachusetts, 50; Maine, 1.

Birthplaces of males—Braintree, 33; other places in Massachusetts, 52; Italy, 7; British Provinces, 7; Maine, 4; Connecticut, 2; New Hampshire, 2; Virginia, 2; Pennsylvania, 2; Rhode Island, Scotland, Vermont, Argentine, Finland, Portugal, unknown, one each.

Birthplaces of females—Braintree, 21; other places in Massachusetts, 68; British Provinces, 6; Italy 5; Maine, 3; Ireland, 3; New Hampshire, 2; Vermont, 2; Pennsylvania, 2; Scotland, Finland, Sweden, England, Maryland, Texas, Rhode Island, South Carolina, New York, one each.

Marriages Solemnized—In Braintree, 53; Quincy, 22; Weymouth, 12; Holbrook, 4; Randolph, 2; other places in Massachusetts, 23; New Hampshire, 5.

Whole number of deaths, 210; males, 119; females, 91; married, 82; single, 72; widowed, 54; divorced, 1; unknown, 1.

Birthplaces—In Braintree, 44; other places in Massachusetts, 80; British Provinces, 16; Ireland, 12; Maine, 9; Italy, 6; Scotland, 5; Sweden, 5; New Hampshire, 5; Connecticut, 5; England, 4; New York, 4; Vermont, 3; Pennsylvania, 3; Finland, 2; Russia, Cape De Verd, Lithuanian, Germany, Hungary, Denmark, Michigan, one each.

Birthplaces of Fathers—Braintree, 15; other places in Massachusetts, 45; British Provinces, 27; Ireland, 24; unknown, 21; Italy, 15; Maine, 14; Scotland, 10; England, 8; Vermont, 5; Sweden, 5; Germany, 3; New Hampshire, 2; Illinois, 2; Finland, 2; Pennsylvania, New York, Poland, Virginia, Wales, New Mexico, Cape De Verd, Austria, Lithuania, Denmark, Rhode Island, Connecticut, one each.

Birthplaces of Mothers—Braintree, 11; other places in Massachusetts, 56; Ireland, 30; unknown, 27; British Provinces, 25; Italy, 13; England, 8; Maine, 7; Scotland, 6; New Hampshire, 5; New York, 3; Sweden, 3; Wales, 2; Finland, 2; Germany, 2; Connecticut, 2; Vermont, Rhode Island, Kentucky, Switzerland, Poland, Cape De Verd, Lithuania, Denmark, one each.

Diseases—Tuberculosis, 43; Heart Disease, 36; Stillborn, 17; Carcenoina, 15; Arterio Sclerosis, 15; Pneumonia, 14; Cerebral Hemorrhage, 10; Accident, 9; Nephritis, 7; Premature Birth, 3; Peritonitis, 3; Anaemia, 3; Gastro Enteritis, 2; Convulsions, 2; Appendicitis, 2; Cancer, 2; Prostrate Hypertrophy, 2; Improper Feeding, Intestinal Hemorrhage, Erysipelas, Mal-nutrition, Diphtheria, Acute Otitis Media, Angina Pectoris, Pyemia, Epilepsy, Suicide, Edema, Eclampsia, Epithoma of Face and Tongue, Homicide, Abscess, Rheumatic Fever, Open Foremen, Diabetis, Atalectosis, Typhoid Fever, Cerebral Enibolus, Senili Psychosis, General Paresis, Gall Stone, Pulmonary Embolus, one each.

Ages—Stillborn, 17; under one year, 12; 1 to 2 years, 1; 2 to 3 years, 2; 4 to 5 years, 2; 5 to 10 years, 1; 10 to 15 years, 4; 15 to 20 years, 5; 20 to 25 years, 15; 25 to 30 years, 9; 30 to 35 years, 7; 35 to 40 years, 4; 40 to 45 years, 9; 45 to 50 years, 18; 50 to 60 years, 26; 60 to 70 years, 27; 70 to 80 years, 28; 80 to 90 years, 19; over 90 years, 5.

Assessors' Report

APPROPRIATIONS AT ANNUAL MEETING

Legislative.

Moderator salary	\$25.00
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Executive.

Selectmen's salaries	\$1,650.00
Selectman's expenses	850.00
	\$2,500.00

Financial.

Accountant, salary and ex- penses	\$1,900.00
Auditors' salaries	225.00
Treasurer, salary and ex- penses	1,980.00
Tax Collector, salary, plus fees	1,000.00
Tax Collector, clerk and expenses	2,365.00
Assessors, salaries and ex- penses	3,958.00
	\$11,428.00

Other General Departments.

Town Clerk, salary and expenses (plus fees, esti- mated)	\$1,600.00
Law	900.00

Election and Registration . . .	1,200.00
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\$3,700.00

Town Hall

Maintenance and Janitors' salaries	\$4,044.00
Extraordinary repairs	550.00

\$4,594.00

Police Department.

Police salaries	\$15,025.00
General expenses	1,320.00
Special officers	100.00
Equipment	75.00

\$16,520.00

Fire Department.

Salary Chief and Permanent Men	\$13,894.00
Pay of Firemen	1,815.00
Extra Pay of Firemen	1,700.00
General Expenses	4,631.00
Qualey's truck and expenses	1,734.00
Hydrant Service	500.00
New Hose	1,200.00
Pumping Engine	12,500.00
Repairs, Truck, Pr. No. 3	600.00
Fire Alarm Maintenance	2,200.00
Fire Alarm Box, corner Hillside Road and Union Street	180.00

\$40,954.00

Inspection

Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Salary and Expenses \$750.00

Building Inspector:

Salary and expenses \$1,000.00

Forestry

Gypsy and Brown Tail

Moths \$6,000.00

Care of Trees 1,000.00

 \$7,000.00
Health.

Salaries \$700.00

Expenses, Fumigation, Care

of Dumps 850.00

Collection of Garbage 4,800.00

Contagious Diseases 2,000.00

Milk Inspector 100.00

Plumbing Inspection 873.26

Inspector, Meats and Pro-

visions 350.00

Inspector Animals 125.00

Tuberculosis Clinic 400.00

Dental Clinic 800.00

Vital Statistics 50.00

Norfolk County Hospital . . . 3,535.85

 \$14,584.11
Highways.

Salaries, Highway Surveyors \$150.00

Salary, Superintendent of

Streets	3,000.00
Clerk and Expenses	400.00
General Repairs	51,600.00
Private Work	1,000.00
Snow Removal	6,000.00
Sidewalks	6,000.00
Repairs, Shaw Street Bridge	2,000.00
Tremont Street Resurfacing between Academy and West Streets)	4,050.00
Liberty Street, relocating and resurfacing	4,000.00
Vinedale Road, resurfacing.	1,934.00
Equipment, New Truck	5,447.98
Harrison Avenue Drain	1,890.00
Hollis Avenue Drain	1,013.00
Street Lighting	7,785.00
Washington Street, side- walks (between Holbrook Line and Plymouth Ave- nue)	1,400.00
Park Avenue, Rebuild and Repair	180.00
Pond Street, Rebuild and Repair (Washington St. to Noah Torrey School) ..	4,208.00
Sidewalk, South Braintree Square (between Holbrook Block and Tremont Street)	700.00
Washington Street, Rebuild (Taylor St. to Central Ave.)	3,735.00
River Street Bridge, Widen- ing	1,650.00
Elm and Adams Street, Wid- ening	4,310.00

Land Damages, Union Street and Adams St.	2,375.75	
Union Street, Widening and Straightening Dangerous Curve, Opposite Cottage Hospital	8,950.00	
West Street, between Five Corners' and the New Blue Hill Rd.	5,000.00	
Hillside Road, Repair and Drain	500.00	
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		\$130,115.28

Charities

Salaries, Overseers of the Poor	\$600.00	
Salary Visitor, and Expenses	1,819.00	
Clerk	300.00	
Outside Relief	8,000.00	
Outside Relief	8,000.00	
"118"—Mothers' Aid	9,000.00	
Maintenance, Braintree Home	5,325.00	
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		\$25,044.00

Soldiers' Benefits.

State Aid and Soldiers' Burials	\$1,394.00	
Soldiers' Relief	556.00	
Military Aid	100.00	
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		\$2,050.00

Education.

Teachers' Salaries	\$139,860.00	
General Expenses, Including		
Repairs to Buildings	66,133.00	
High School Building	360,000.00	
Grade School, Pr. No. 1, on Noah Torrey School Site	106,500.00	
	<hr/>	\$672,493.00

Library.

General expenses (plus fees, estimated)	\$4,000.00	
Salary Janitor	300.00	
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Recreation.

Parks and Playgrounds	\$800.00	
Hollis Playground	1,000.00	
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Unclassified.

Miscellaneous	\$4,232.00	
Town Hall Grounds, Special War Bonus Fund	5,508.45	
Memorial Day, Post No. 87, G. A. R.	200.00	
Memorial Day, Post No. 86, A. L.	100.00	
Memorial Day, Lennon-Mur- ray Post, V. F. W.	100.00	

Employees' Compensation . .	1,500.00
Insurance, Town Buildings . .	1,554.82
Engineering Department . . .	2,801.00
Land Damages, Resulting from Taking of Land	1,500.00
Signs and Signals	1,016.00
Repairs, Legion Building . . .	100.00
Reserve Fund	6,000.00

\$24,612.27

Public Service Enterprises.

Electric Light Department:

Salaries	\$300.00
Depreciation Fund	9,919.90
Unexpended balance, 1924 .	3,923.41

\$14,143.31

Water Department:

Salaries	\$300.00
6" main, Peach and Liberty Streets	6,463.56
Balance, Additional Water Supply	2,000.00
6" main, Harrison Avenue . .	1,513.19
12" main, Union Street	814.98

\$11,091.73

Cemetery.

Plain Street	\$550.00
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Interest.

Interest on Bonds, Notes, Loans in Anticipation of Revenue	
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\$13,930.51

Municipal Indebtedness.

Payment of Bonds and Notes	\$27,931.00
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Total Appropriations at Annual Town Meeting	\$1,031,484.21
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Less amounts appropriated, but not raised by taxation:

Electric Light Department:

Salaries	\$300.00
Depreciation Fund	9,919.90
Unexpended Balance, 1924	3,923.41

Water Department:

Salaries	\$300.00
6" main, Peach and Liberty Streets	6,463.56
Balance, Additional Water Supply	2,000.00
6" main, Harrison Avenue	1,513.19
12" main, Union Street . . .	814.98

Excess and Deficiency:

Shaw Street Bridge	2,000.00
Liberty Street	4,000.00
Equipment	5,447.98
Wash. St. (Highlands) . . .	1,400.00
Pond Street	4,208.00
River Street	1,650.00
Elm and Adams Streets . .	4,310.00

War Bonus	5,508.45
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Highways (Private Work) . .	1,000.00
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Schools (Loan)	451,500.00
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Land Damages	5,000.00
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Light Construction (debt) .	9,931.00
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Light Construction (interest)	2,800.00
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State Aid	1,394.00	
Military Aid (1½)	50.00	
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		\$525,434.47
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		\$506,049.74

Special Meeting, Held May 25, 1925.

Removal of Snow	\$3,000.00	
Expense Selectmen	300.00	
Employees' Compensation ..	650.87	
Signs and Signals	1,862.00	
Care, Planting and Removal of Trees	1,435.00	
Miscellaneous	1,115.00	
Land Damages	1,145.00	
Drain, Wilmarth Road	130.00	
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		\$9,637.87
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		\$515,687.61
Estimated Revenue		106,550.55
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Town Appropriations, to be Raised by Taxation		\$409,137.06

Taxes For Town, County and State Purposes.

Town Tax	\$409,137.06
Charles River Basin	1,682.39
State Tax	30,240.00
State Highway Tax	3,157.00
Metropolitan Parks Tax	10,769.58
Municipal Lighting Plant	68.59
Division of Metropolitan Planning	144.91

Auditing Municipal Accounts	1,211.45
County Tax	23,881.73
Overlayings, 1925	6,899.69
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	\$487,192.40
Less 3,487 Poll Taxes	6,974.00
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	\$480,218.40
Moth Tax for Work on Private Property	1,062.00
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Total Commitment, September, 1925 . . .	\$481,280.40
Additional Poll and Omitted Taxes, Committed December, 1925	733.12
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	\$482,013.52

\$480,218.40 to be raised by taxation on 3,487 Polls and a valuation of \$16,674,250.00, makes the rate per \$1,000.00 valuation \$28.80.

Treasurer's Report

OTIS B. OAKMAN, Treasurer.

In account with Town of Braintree.

DR.

Balance, January 1, 1925.

General Town Account bal.	\$45,064.81
Water Department bal..	29,528.56
Electric Light Dept. bal.	3,923.41
School Fund Income bal.	882.81
Penniman Trust Income bal.	48.35
C. E. French Trust Income bal.	44.94
Electric Depreciation Fund	386.34
Reserve Fund Overlays ..	1,350.44

\$81,229.66

Otis B. Oakman, Collector of Taxes.

	Tax	Interest	
1923	\$169.86	\$18.42	
1924	119,256.38	4,819.06	
1925	349,022.62	294.60	
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Loans in anticipation of
Revenue

\$200,000.00

Grade School Loan

(principal)	\$151,500.00
(premium)	1,757.40
(interest)	143.08

\$153,400.48

All other sources, including dividends on Town funds, given in detail in Account- ant's report	\$420,990.62
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	\$1,329,201.70

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Paid by orders of Selectmen	\$1,208,251.08
Cash book balance, Dec. 31, 1925	120,950.62
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	\$1,329,201.70

The above cash book balance
is made up as follows:

General Town Account bal. (including balance of Grade School loan)	78,694.04
Water Department bal.	28,982.21
Electric Light Department balance	2,059.49
School Fund Income bal.	771.78
C. E. French Trust Income balance	86.43
Penniman Trust Income bal.	39.03
Electric Depreciation Fund	10,317.64
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	\$120,950.62

Paid During the Year on Town Notes and Bonds:

Town Hall bonds	\$2,000.00
Hollis School bonds	3,000.00
High School Site bonds	2,000.00
Temporary Loans	200,000.00
E. Braintree School bonds	5,000.00

Electric Light Construction Loan	10,000.00
Tuberculosis Hospital bonds	1,000.00
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	\$223,000.00

Interest Paid During the Year on Notes and Bonds:

Temporary loans (discontinued) average rate 3.33½ per cent	\$3,955.97
High School Site	270.00
Town Hall	600.00
Hollis School	780.00
Tuberculosis Hospital	495.00
Thomas A. Watson School	2,920.00
Electric Light Loan	2,800.00
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	\$11,820.97

Paid to Commonwealth of Massachusetts

State Tax	\$30,240.00
Charles River Basin Loan Fund	
Interest	575.40
Maintenance	1,054.98
Serial Bonds	52.01
Metropolitan Parks Sinking Fund	249.85
Interest	1,712.99
Cost of Maintenance	5,430.34
Serial Bonds	71.52
Sinking Fund, Series 2	57.46
Interest	608.08
Cost of Maintenance	1,917.97
Serial Bonds	295.37
Metropolitan Parks Loan Fund, Nan-	
tasket Maintenance	404.61
Wellington Bridge, maintenance	21.39
Auditing Municipal Accounts	1,211.45

Repairs, State Highways	3,157.00
Municipal Lighting Plant	68.59
Pilgrim Tercentenary	194.07
Metropolitan Planning Division	144.91
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	\$47,467.99

RESERVE FUND FROM OVERLAYS

Acts of 1913.

	Dr.	Cr.
Balance, January 1, 1925	\$1,350.44	
Interest on deposit	41.33	
Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1925		\$1,391.77
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	\$1,391.77	\$1,391.77

Since the establishment of this Fund the Treasurer has considered it as a separate Trust Fund. The State Auditors, however, regarded it as a part of the general funds of the Town and gave directions that no additions be made to it as a separate Trust. For this reason the Treasurer on December 31, 1925 transferred the \$1,391.77 to the general town balance.

THE NATHANIEL H. HUNT TRUST

OTIS B. OAKMAN, Treasurer.

Principal:

One Boston Elevated R. R. bond, \$1,000 4% ..	\$1,000.00
Three Boston & Maine R. R. bonds, 4%	3,000.00
One New England R. R. bond, \$1,000, 4% ..	1,000.00
Two C. B. & Q. R. R. bonds, 4%	2,000.00
Two N. Y. N. H. & H. bonds, \$1,000, 4% ...	2,000.00

Two N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. bonds, \$1,000, 4%	2,000.00
Deposited in Braintree Savings Bank	6,526.05
Deposited in Weymouth Savings Bank	4,000.00
Deposited in Qunicy Savings Bank	1,750.94
5 Matured shares of Braintree Cooperative Bank Certificate No. 148	1,000.00
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	\$24,276.99

	Dr.	Cr.
Income, 1925	\$964.22	
Paid Trustees Thayer Public Li- brary		\$964.22

Examined and approved. The securities listed, amounting to \$24,276.99 are in the custody of the Treasurer and have been examined by us.

RALPH W. ARNOLD,
PAUL MONAGHAN,
CHARLES H. TOBEY,

Auditors, 1925.

January 15, 1926.

THE CHARLES EDWARD FRENCH TRUST

OTIS B. OAKMAN, Treasurer.

Principal:

\$2,100 4th Liberty Loan	\$2,100.00
Braintree Savings Bank, Book No. 10,092	262.50
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	\$2,362.50

	Dr.	Cr.
Coupons	133.88	
Interest on deposit	6.61	
Balance January 1, 1925	\$44.94	

Paid Higgins, Magnuson & Co., medals		\$99.00
Balance in Braintree Savings Bank		86.43
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	\$185.43	\$185.43

Examined and approved, balance in Braintree Savings Bank of \$86.43 and securities as listed found in the custody of Treasurer.

RALPH W. ARNOLD,
PAUL MONAGHAN,
CHARLES H. TOBEY,

Auditors, 1925.

January 15, 1926.

THE ANN MARIA PENNIMAN TRUST

OTIS B. OAKMAN, Treasurer.

Income Account:

	Dr.	Cr.
Balance in bank, Jan., 1, 1925 ..	\$48.35	
Interest to January 1, 1926	11.88	
Paid F. A. Chapman and Alida N. Stevens, committee		\$21.20
Balance in bank		39.03
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	\$60.23	\$60.23

Amount of fund, \$500.00, and balance \$39.03, on deposit in Braintree Savings Bank. Receipt for expenditures in hands of Treasurer.

RALPH W. ARNOLD,
PAUL MONAGHAN,
CHARLES H. TOBEY,

Auditors, 1925.

January 15, 1926.

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

OTIS B. OAKMAN, Treasurer.

	Dr.	Cr.
Balance, January 1, 1925 . . .	\$3,923.41	
Street Lights	7,785.00	
F. B. Lawrence, Manager, . .	188,739.01	
Interest on deposit	67.45	
Paid by orders (including de- preciation fund, \$9,919.90)		\$198,455.38
Balance, December 31, 1925		2,059.49
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	\$200,514.87	\$200,514.87

Examined and approved with balance in the State
Street Trust Company of \$2,059.49.

RALPH W. ARNOLD,
PAUL MONAGHAN,
CHARLES H. TOBEY,
Auditors, 1925.

January 15, 1926.

The account of the Treasurer of the Water Depart-
ment will be found in the Water Department report.

ELECTRIC DEPRECIATION FUND

OTIS B. OAKMAN, Treasurer.

	Dr.	Cr.
Balance, January 1, 1925 . .	\$386.34	
Interest on deposit	11.40	
Town Appropriation (from Electric Light Department	9,919.90	

Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1925	\$10,317.64
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	\$10,317.64
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	\$10,317.64

Examined and approved. Amount of fund,
\$10,317.64 found on deposit in National Shawmut
Bank.

RALPH W. ARNOLD,
PAUL MONAGHAN,
CHARLES H. TOBEY,
Auditors, 1925.

January 15, 1926.

BRAINTREE SCHOOL FUND

OTIS B. OAKMAN, Treasurer.

Principal Account:

Real Estate (Valued)	\$4,000.00
Quincy Savings Bank	1,022.50
Weymouth Savings Bank	1,000.00
Randolph Savings Bank	600.00
Braintree Savings Bank	1,752.65
Liberty Loan Bond, issue of Oct. 1918	
No. D00040744	500.00
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	\$8,875.15

Income Account:

	Dr.	Cr.
Balance, January 1, 1925...	\$882.81	
Savings Bank Interest	179.60	
Liberty Bond Coupons	31.88	
Rent	248.00	
Scholarships		\$350.00

Repairs on property	220.51	
Balance on hand, Income account deposited in Brain- tree Savings Bank		771.78
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	\$1,342.29	\$1,342.29

Examined and approved. Amounts of both Principal and Income funds are as stated and on deposit as given.

RALPH W. ARNOLD,
PAUL MONAGHAN,
CHARLES H. TOBEY,

Auditors, 1925.

January 15, 1926.

Wood to the amount of \$1.00 has been sold and the proceeds added to the principal account.

FUNDED DEBT OF TOWN

Hollis School Bonds, \$500, each, 4% maturing \$3,000 yearly July 1, 1926- 1931 inclusive	\$18,000.00
Town Hall Bonds, \$1,000 each, 4% maturing \$2,000 yearly, 1926-1932 inclusive	14,000.00
Tuberculosis Hospital Bonds, dated De- cember 1, 1919, 4½%, maturing \$1,000, 1926-1935 inclusive	10,000.00
High School Site Bonds, dated Decem- ber 1, 1919, 4½%, maturing \$1,000, 1926-1929 inclusive	4,000.00

Thomas A. Watson School House Loan dated September 1, 1922 maturing \$4,000 1926-1942	68,000.00
Electric Light Construction Loan, dated July 1, 1924, maturing \$10,000 1926-1929	40,000.00
Torrey School Addition Loan dated October 1, 1925 maturing \$11,500.00 1926 and \$10,000.00 1927-1940	151,500.00
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	\$305,500.00

OTIS B. OAKMAN, Treasurer.

Tax Collector's Report

1923.

Outstanding January 1, 1925		\$172.84
Collections January 1, 1925		
to Dec. 31, 1925	\$169.86	
Abatements January 1, 1925		
to Dec. 31, 1925	2.98	
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	\$172.84	\$172.84

1924.

Outstanding January 1, 1925		\$121,857.52
Collections January 1, 1925		
to Dec. 31, 1925	\$119,256.38	
Abatements January 1, 1925		
to Dec. 31, 1925	2,208.44	
Property taken by Town at		
Tax Sale	203.75	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1925		
(Personal)	188.95	
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	\$121,857.52	\$121,857.52

1925.

Commitment of Taxes (Real		
Estate and Personal)		\$480,218.40
Estate and Personal		\$430,216.40
Commitment of Taxes (Poll)		6,974.00
Commitment of Moth		
Assessment		1,062.00

Supplementary Commitment of Taxes (Real)	699.12
Supplementary Commitment of Taxes (Poll)	34.00
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	\$488,987.52

Collections to Dec. 31, 1925	\$349,022.62	
Abatements to Dec. 31, 1925	2,709.71	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1925, Real Estate and Personal	137,223.19	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1925 Poll	32.00	
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	\$488,987.52	\$488,987.52

Interest on 1923 Taxes	\$ 18.42
Interest on 1924 Taxes	4,819.06
Interest on 1925 Taxes	294.60
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	\$5132.08

Respectfully subitted,

OTIS B. OAKMAN,
Collector of Taxes.

We have examined the above statements and find that they agree with the Accountant's books, that the above amounts have been turned in to the Town Treasurer, and are a correct reproduction of the Collector's books.

CHARLES H. TOBEY,
RALPH W. ARNOLD,
PAUL MONAGHAN.

Auditors, 1925.

January 15, 1926.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Braintree, Mass., January 4, 1926.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
of the Town of Braintree.

Gentlemen: As animal inspector for the Town of Braintree for the year of 1925, after making a complete investigation, I make the following report of the neat cattle, goats, and swine. The number of cattle kept in the town is less than last year. For instance, one place that had 50 cows in 1924, had only 4 in 1925. There are other places in a similar condition, and the milk supply very largely comes from out of town.

In making the inspection I found 396 cows, 5 bulls, 18 young cattle, 629 pigs, and 7 goats. Almost all of these cattle are kept in good condition. There are a few that are still kept in the old-fashioned way.

In making this inspection, I was very cordially received in the places I visited. I have had no cases of rabies among the dogs reported to me during 1925. All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOSEPHUS SAMPSON,
Inspector of Animals.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF MEATS, PROVISIONS AND SLAUGHTERING

Braintree, December 31, 1925.

To the Board of Health of the Town of Braintree.

Gentlemen: I have the honor of submitting to you my annual report of the inspection of meats, provisions and slaughtering for the year ending December 31, 1925.

I have inspected during the past year 517 animal carcasses and from that number I have stamped for approval 506, as food, and condemned as unfit for consumption, 4 hogs, 9 small pigs and 38 livers.

The usual inspection of markets and meats and fish pedlers has been made.

Respectfffully submitted,

JOHN J. HEANEY,

Inspector of Meats, Provisions and Slaughtering.

**REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS OF
THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE**

Braintree, Mass., January 18, 1926.

To the Board of Selectmen, of the Town of Braintree.

Gentlemen: I beg to submit herewith my first annual report of the Inspector of Buildings:

Total number of permits granted 345
and are made up as follows:

Houses	213
Repairs to houses	22
Garages	101
Stores	4
School	1
Bank building	1
Theatre	1
Moving buildings	2
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	345

The estimated cost of the above work, according to the estimates of value on the the applications is \$1,452,000.

I have been very much pleased with the co-operation of the builders of the Town during the past year in reference to the new building laws.

Total amount of fees for the above . . \$1,192.00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. CRAY,
Inspector of Buildings.

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Honorable Board of Selectmen, Braintree, Mass.

Gentlemen: In compliance with your request, I submit the following report of the Department of Sealer of Weights and Measures, for the year ending December 31, 1925.

I have tried most earnestly during the year just past to perform the duties of the office in an impartial and fair manner, and therefore be just to all parties concerned. I have found our merchants most courteous and willing to comply with the laws in relation to the sealing of weights and measures and inspections.

I sincerely recommend that the town purchase a set of seals to be known as municipal scales to be located in some convenient place, so as the weighing of coal and other commodities in transit would be in accordance to law, and that all orders of coal by the municipality be subject to reweighing on said scales.

Appropriation	\$750.00
Expenses and Salary	738.71
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Balance	\$11.29
Received and paid to Treasurer:	
Sealing fees	\$165.19
Junk Licenses	300.00
Hawkers and Pedlers Licenses ..	50.00
State License	32.00
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	\$549.19

Inside and Outside Work. Fees Charged.

Scales tested and found correct.....	229
Scales tested and condemned.....	7
Scales tested and adjusted.....	19
Weights tested and found correct....	511
Weights tested and condemned.....	1
Weights tested and adjusted.....	4
Liquid measures tested and found correct	419
Liquid measures tested and con- demned	51
Linear measures tested and found correct	27
Measuring pumps found correct.....	135
Measuring pumps not sealed	39
Measuring pumps condemned.....	4
Leather measuring machine not sealed	1
Slot weighing machines sealed.....	11
Slot weighing machines tagged for repairs	4
Oil pumps not sealed.....	23
Amount received and paid to the Treas- urer in fees	\$197.19

**Number of Inspections Made from December 15, 1924
to December 15, 1925.**

Coal re-weighing while in transit....	11
Coal re-weighing in bags of less than 100 lbs.	485
Inspection of stores after scales tested of commodities	747
Inspection of scales used by pedlers..	21
Inspection of scales used by ice men..	34

Inspection of jars on milk wagons . . .	165
Insection of junk dealers scales	16
Inspection of coal teams for certifi- cates	33
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	1,512
Milk jars, Mass. Seal	46,000

In Conclusion.

I have tried to make this Department a truly public service department, and have earnestly endeavored to extend its influences in the closest manner possible to the people, thereby affording them every opportunity to protect themselves against insufficient weight and measure.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES S. HANNAFORD,
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Report of the Accounting Officer of the Town of Braintree

January 1, 1925 to December 31, 1925.

GENERAL REVENUE

RECEIPTS

Taxes

Previous years:

Poll, personal and real estate	\$119,426.24
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Current year:

Poll, personal and real estate	349,022.62
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Tax Titles:

Redemption T a x Titles	\$449.59
Intervening Taxes	1,110.23

1,559.82

From the State:

Corporation	34,982.57
Street Railway	906.79
Bank	522.26
Income	45,236.90
Soldiers' Exemption	68.13
Schools, S m i t h - Hughes Fund	284.83
Overlay Reserve	1,350.44

\$553,360.60

Licenses and Permits: \$786.00

Fines:

Court	\$1,278.40
Library	195.99

\$1,474.39

Grants and Gifts

From County:

Dog Licenses	\$1,091.84
Land Damages	
Wash. & Frank-	
lin Streets	4,560.10
Land Damages	
Union Street	764.00

\$,6415.94

General Government

Collector:

Tax Information ..	\$60.00
Interest on deposits	50.02
Advertising d e-	
ferred taxes, 1924	253.45
Redemption Certifi-	
cates	2.00

\$365.47

Town Hall Rent \$980.00

Selectmen:

Advertising hear-	
ings	\$285.00
Hollis House Rent .	640.00
Hollis House-Re-	
bate Insurance .	20.42

Lease, Legion Build-	
ing	1.00
Miscellaneous	3.00

\$949.42

\$2,294.89

Protection of Persons and Property

Police Department:

Telephone	\$3.95
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Inspection:

Sealing of Weights	
and Measures	\$197.19
Building Inspection	1,126.00

\$1,323.19

Fire Department:

Sale of Junk	\$25.00
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\$1,352.14

Health Department

Tuberculosis	\$220.72
Miscellaneous	24.00

\$244.72

Highways

Quincy Avenue Bridge	\$150.00
Use of Roller	46.00
Material and Labor . .	265.50
Highways (Private	
work)	1,295.98

\$1,757.48

Charities and Soldiers' Benefits**Almshouse:**

Sale of Produce . .	\$241.31
Board	153.00
All other	14.10

\$408.41

Reimbursements: Poor

From Individuals .	\$116.75
From cities and towns	1,229.95

\$1,346.70

Reimbursements: "118"

From Individuals..	\$8.50
From cities and towns	965.66
From State	2,113.96

\$3,088.12

Soldiers' Benefits:

State Aid and Soldiers' Burials	\$1,288.00
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\$6,131.23

EDUCATION

Tuition	\$5,663.95
Miscellaneous	124.16

\$5,788.11

RECREATION**Parks and Playgrounds**

(Hollis Will)	\$1,000.00
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Playground, Pr. No. 3
Sale of Buildings

300.00

\$1,300.00

UNCLASSIFIED

All other—Electric
Light Department
Light Construction

\$109.75

11,731.00

\$11,840.75

ENTERPRISES AND CEMETERIES

Water Department . .
Electric Light Dept.

\$85,565.11

196,524.01

\$282,089.12

INTEREST

Deposits:

General

\$1,591.81

Taxes

5,132.08

Water

1,234.97

Electric Light

67.45

Overlay Reserve . .

41.33

Accrued Interest . .

143.08

\$8,210.72

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Temporarry Loans:

Anticipation of
Revenue

\$200,000.00

Loan authorized:

Grade School—Tor-

rey Site 151,500.00

Premium 1,757.40

 \$353,257.40
REFUNDS

Highways \$38.28

Miscellaneous 3.13

Charities 36.00

Schools 99.00

 \$176.41

 Total Receipts \$1,236,479.90
TRANSFERS

Taxes, 1924 \$203.75

Transferred from Reserve Fund to:

Highways \$2,731.00

Signs and Signals 144.00

Miscellaneous 575.00

Police Department 1,146.31

Braintree Home 403.69

Schools 1,000.00

 \$6,000.00

 \$1,242,683.65

Balance, January 1, 1926:

General Cash	\$45,064.81
Water Department	29,528.56
Electric Light Department	3,923.41

\$78,516.78

\$1,321,200.43

Expenditures

General Government

Legislative:

Salary, Moderator \$25.00

Executive

Selectmen:

Salaries	\$1,650.00
Clerk	300.00

\$1,950.00

Other Expenses:

Stationery and postage	\$106.80
Supplies, printing and advertising	563.16
Telephone	145.95
All other62

\$816.53

\$2,766.53

Financial**Auditors:**

Salaries	\$225.00
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Accountant:

Salary	\$1,800.00
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Stationery and supplies	100.00
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\$1,900.00

Treasurer:

Salary	\$1,500.00
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Clerk	210.00
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Postage, supplies printing and advertising ..	84.43
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Expenses	40.80
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Bond	120.00
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Miscellaneous ..	24.25
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\$1,979.48

Collector:

Salary	\$1,000.00
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Clerk	830.00
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Supplies and postage	595.52
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Printing and ad- vertising	135.25
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Bond	255.00
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Tax Sale Ex- penses	322.45
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Partition rail ..	112.00
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Miscellaneous ..	20.43
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\$3,270.65

Assessors:

Salaries	\$2,400.00
Clerk	325.00
Clerical help . . .	300.00

\$3,025.00

Other expenses:

Supplies, and postage	\$40.27
Printing and advertising . .	243.10
Auto hire	49.00
Abstracts of Deeds, Pro- bates and Plans	227.95
Preparing des- criptions, Tax Sales	150.00
Rewriting Assess- ors' Books . . .	200.00
Miscellaneous . .	22.00

\$932.32

\$11,322.45

Other General Departments**Law:**

Salary Town Counsel	\$600.00
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Town Clerk:

Salary	\$800.00
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Other Expenses:

Recording fees . .	\$497.00
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Supplies and post- age	26.89
Printing and ad- vertising	15.50
Telephone	39.41
All other	31.69

\$610.49

\$1,410.49

Election and Registration:

Salary, Registrars	\$243.75
Election Officers	\$296.00
Janitors	15.00

\$311.00

Other expenses:

Printing, advertis- ing	\$213.00
Auto hire	18.00
Meals	109.30
All other	39.20

\$379.50

\$934.25

Town Hall:

Janitor Service	\$900.00
Assistant Janitor	1,144.00

\$2,044.00

Other expenses:

Other labor	\$19.85
Fuel	549.14

Gas and light	733.20
Janitor's supplies .	33.15
Repairs	473.04
Water and ice . . .	117.30
Miscellaneous	42.27
Water	26.53

\$1,994.48

Extraordinary, repairs:

Repairs, Hall	\$235.50
Carpet	499.00

\$734.50

Town Hall Grounds:
(War Bonus Fund)

Contract (ce- ment)	\$4,200.00
Hydrant	72.95
Lighting Grounds	1,235.50

\$5,508.45

\$10,281.43

Total for General Government \$27,350.15

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Department

Salaries and wages:

Chief	\$2,000.00
Patrolmen	12,514.95
Special officers	90.50

\$14,605.45

Equipment and repairs:

Gasoline, oil and
grease \$318.94

Repairs on auto
and motorcycle 241.01

Tires and tubes . . 84.55

\$644.50

Other expenses:

Auto hire \$41.50

Telephone 267.36

Printing and post-
age 12.45

Care of prisoners,
use of lock-up . . 31.30

Storage, auto 35.34

Enforcement of liquor
laws 275.65

Equipment 22.50

Expenses, Officers 63.17

Expense on dogs . 12.00

Medical aid 9.00

Streets, Painting . 51.37

All other 39.06

\$860.70

Equipment \$1,035.00

\$17,145.65

Fire Department**Salaries and wages:**

Chief \$2,500.00

Permanent men 11,394.00

Deputy Chiefs . 150.00

Captains (3) . . 30.00

Call men	1,560.00
Forest Fire Wardens	
(3)	75.00

\$15,709.00

Extra Pay of firemen	1,692.50
Qualey's truck and man	1,734.00
Superintendent of Fire Alarm	225.00

Equipment and repairs:

Apparatus	\$636.79
Equipment, Miscellaneous	734.04
Equipment for men	547.01
Gasoline, oil and grease	391.96
Tires and tubes	590.74

\$2,900.54

Hydrant Service	\$500.00
Fuel	569.26
Light	101.00

Buildings and grounds:

Repairs	\$463.21
Furnishings	93.75
Water	30.00
All other	47.91

\$634.87

Other expenses:

Supplies	\$107.18
Telephone	148.24
Stationery, printing and postage	38.55

Express, cartage	11.38
Insurance	4.20
Auto hire	7.00
Painting Ford and Chief's Car . . .	105.00

\$421.55

New Hose	\$1,200.00
Pumping Engine . . .	12,500.00
Repairs Truck, pr. No. 3	499.23

Fire Alarm Maintenance:

Construction and repairs	\$721.78
Labor	1,193.80
Power	58.62

\$1,974.20

Fire Alarm Box:

(Cor. Hillside Rd. and Union St. . .	\$180.00
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\$40,841.15

Inspection—Buildings

Inspector, salary	\$900.00
Stationery and supplies	\$34.00
Transportation	66.00

\$100.00

\$1,000.00

Weights and Measures

Salary	\$500.00
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Other expenses:

Advertising and supplies	\$27.93
Insurance	15.20
Equipment	42.76
Transportation ...	125.00
All other	27.82

\$238.71

\$738.71

Forestry**Gypsy Moth:**

Advertising	\$6.00
Labor	3,079.28
Autos	1,665.45
Insecticides	679.28
Repairing sprayer	58.80
Gasoline and oil .	25.10
Hardware and tools	427.57
All other	46.52

\$6,000.00

Care and planting of trees:

Labor	\$2,015.75
Autos and teams	357.75
Hardware and tools	61.50

\$2,435.00

\$8,435.00

Total for Protection of Persons
and Property

\$68,160.51

Health**General Administration:**

Salaries	\$600.00
Secretary	100.00
Printing and ad- vertising	57.00
Telephone	76.48

\$833.48

Fumigation	\$132.00
Collection of Garbage	4,180.00
Care of Dumps	292.18
Inspection of Plumbing	\$873.26

Quarantine and Contagious Diseases:

Drugs and medicine	\$53.00
Hospital	221.50
Loss of Wages	45.00

\$319.50

Tuberculosis:

Board and treat- ment	\$1,388.40
Board and treat- ment (other cities)	287.30

\$1,675.70

Vital Statistics:

Return of Births . .	\$27.25
Return of Deaths .	16.00

\$43.25

Other expenses:

Burying animals . .	\$9.00
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Ambulance to Hos-	
pital	15.00
All other	3.00

\$27.00

Inspection:

Animals	\$125.00
Meat, provisions	350.00
Milk	100.00

\$575.00

Norfolk County Hospital \$3,535.85

Dental Clinic:

Dentist, Services .	\$639.50
Asst., to Dentist ..	155.25

\$794.75

Tuberculosis Clinic:

Visits and Clerical	
help	\$50.25

Sanitation

Drain, Hollis Avenue:

Labor	\$575.60
Materials	437.40

\$1,013.00

Drain, Wilmarth Road:

Labor, Materials	\$130.00
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Drain, Harrison Avenue:

Lobar	\$1,306.90
Materials	583.10

\$1,890.00

Total for Health and Sanitation	\$16,365.22
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Total for Health and
Sanitation

\$16,365.22

Highways

General Administration. Salaries:

Highway Surveyors	\$150.00
Superintendent of Streets	3,000.00
Clerk	300.00
Telephone	77.84
All other	11.45

\$3,539.29

Repairs

General:

Labor	\$8,936.32
Teams and trucks	2,399.94
Materials	8,801.66
Equipment and re- pairs	2,693.79
Light and Power	494.05

\$23,325.76

Street Cleaning:

Labor	\$1,689.80
Autos	343.90

\$2,033.70

Tarvia:

Labor	\$4,561.34
Trucks	1,494.04
Materils	10,453.34

\$16,508.72

Resurfacing:

Labor	\$3,060.52
Trucks	364.00
Materials	1,866.16

\$5,290.68
Drains and Catch Basins:

Labor	\$1,012.40
Hauling	1,276.31
Stock	1,368.42

\$3,657.13
Guard Rails and Fences:

Stock	\$692.55
Bridge Repairs, Middle Street ..	450.00
Miscellaneous	63.90
Insurance	1,001.35

New Equipment:

Truck	\$5,420.00
Miscellaneous ..	23.78

\$5,443.78
Shaw Street Bridge:

Contract	\$1,977.60
Material	15.37

\$1,992.97
Repairs, Tremont Street:

Labor	\$617.04
Hauling	28.00
Materials	3,404.40

\$4,049.44

Repairs, Pond Street:

Labor	\$1,389.94
Hauling	348.05
Stock	3,473.01

\$5,211.00

Repairs, Vinedale Road:

Labor	\$773.43
Hauling	120.79
Materials	1,039.61

\$1,933.83

Repairs, Washington Street::

Labor	\$1,438.21
Hauling	132.16
Materials	2,164.22

\$3,734.59

Repairs, Liberty Street:

Labor	\$942.25
Hauling	243.76
Materials	2,813.99

\$4,000.00

Repairs, Hillside Road:

Labor	\$417.41
Teams and trucks	129.36
Materials	443.67

\$990.44

Repairs, Grove Street:

Labor	\$394.55
Teams	53.00

Materials	416.89	
	<hr/>	\$864.44
Highways (Private Work) :		
Labor	\$980.90	
Miscellaneous	315.08	
	<hr/>	\$1,295.98
Repairs, Park Avenue:		
Labor and Materials		\$179.48
Widening, River Street Bridge:		
Labor	\$999.03	
Hauling	84.00	
Materials	481.22	
	<hr/>	\$1,564.25
Labor and Materials		\$179.488
Widening, Elm & Adams Streets:		
Contract	\$850.00	
Labor	335.20	
Hauling	104.82	
Materials	24.50	
	<hr/>	\$1,314.52
Widening, Union Street:		
Labor	\$929.14	
Hauling	429.44	
Materials	1,873.03	
	<hr/>	\$3,231.61
Granite Street:		
Labor	\$380.55	

Hauling	109.52
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\$490.07

Sidewalks (1924) :

Contract	\$1,000.00
Material	480.57

\$1,480.57

Sidewalks (S. Braintree Square) :

Contract	\$700.00
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Sidewalks, Franklin Street:

Labor	\$875.80
Autos	114.24
Materials	552.84

\$1,542.88

Sidewalks (Cement) :

Contract, P r.	
No. 1.	\$1,309.00
Contract, P r.	
No. 2.	1,571.75
Contract, P r.	
No. 3.	2,000.00
Materials	947.78

\$5,828.53

Sidewalks, Washington Street,
(Braintree Highlands) :

Contract	\$1,400.00
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Removal of Snow :

Labor	\$5,002.97
Teams, Trucks ..	1,762.18

Repairs on equip- ment	1,335.06	
Materials	897.57	
Miscellaneous . . .	2.05	
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		\$8,999.83
Street Lighting . . .		7,785.00
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		\$117,057.00
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Total for Highways		\$120,596.29

Charities

Overseers of the Poor:

Salaries \$600.00

Expenses:

Clerk 300.00

Salary Visitor and Maintenance of Auto:

Salary \$1,026.00

Storage for Car 80.00

Gasoline, oil etc. 78.98

Insurance (auto) 55.50

Repairs 37.93

Transportation . 26.30

Miscellaneous . . 2.00

\$1,306.71

Outside Relief by Town:

Cash aid \$3,989.35

Groceries 339.86

Fuel 385.51

Medicine and
medical aid . . 86.50

Rent 522.00

133

Clothing	5.50
Hospitals and State Institutions . .	896.57

\$6,225.29

Relief by other Cities and Towns 853.57

Mothers' Aid:

Cash aid	\$5,512.00
Rent	618.17
Medicine and medical aid . .	61.00
Fuel	494.25
Groceries	374.50
Clothing	11.50
Miscellaneous . .	3.00

\$7,074.42

Relief by other Cities
and Towns . .

\$1,376.06

Braintree Home:

Salary of Supt. . .	\$960.00
Other employees	319.00
Groceries and provisions . . .	1,861.06
Clothing	136.49
Fuel and light . .	928.83
Hay and grain . .	401.61
Medicine and medical aid	93.69
Buildings, re - pairs, etc.	405.17
Telephone	63.60
Miscellaneous . .	541.48

\$5,710.93

\$23,446.98

Soldiers' Benefits.

State Aid:

Aid, Civil War . . .	\$1,188.00
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Soldiers' Relief:

Cash aid	\$496.00
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Rent	25.00
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\$521.00

\$1,709.00

Total for Charities and Soldiers' Benefits . . \$25,155.98

EDUCATION.**General Expenses.**

Salary of Supt. . . .	\$3,863.06
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Clerk	1,098.90
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Attendance Officer	495.00
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Printing, stationery and postage . . .	128.52
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Telephone	524.13
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Traveling expenses	500.45
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Miscellaneous	206.62
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\$6,816.68

Instructional Expenses.

Teachers' Salaries	\$135,265.50
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Text Books and	
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Supplies:	
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High	\$5,378.75
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Elementary	6,696.27
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\$147,340.52

Operating Expenses.**Janitors' Services:**

High	\$1,856.49
Elementary	7,261.54

Fuel and Light:

High and Elementary	7,291.78
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Miscellaneous:

High and Elementary	1,999.09
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\$18,408.90

Maintenance.**Repairs:**

High and Elementary	\$15,129.44
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Auxiliary.

Physician	\$900.00
Nurse	1,440.00
Transportation ...	5,340.00
Tuition	2,047.17
Graduation exercises	354.00
Noon services (Teachers)	388.50
Rent	385.00
Outlay	1,770.58
All other	1,159.47

\$13,784.72

Continuation School.

Salary Supt.	\$38.94
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Teachers' Salaries .	\$3,395.17	
Clerk	11.10	
Attendance Officer	5.00	
Janitors' Services . .	204.09	
All other	802.29	
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		\$4,456.59

Smith-Hughes Fund:

Salaries (Continuation School)	\$284.83
Gift-Penniman School (White) .	\$244.20

Thomas A. Watson School.

Balance Contract . .	\$11,869.99	
Insurance	275.06	
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		\$12,145.05

Grade School.

(Noah Torrey Site)

General	\$105.41	
Insurance	1,625.85	
Installing Water Pipes	152.68	
Contractor	45,131.30	
Plumbing	1,955.00	
Electrical work . . .	723.27	
Heating and Ventilating	5,950.00	
Painting	127.50	
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		\$55,771.01

Total for Education	<hr/>	\$274,381.94
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Library.

Janitor—Salary . . .		\$300.00
Miscl. Acc'ts — not divided	\$1,000.00	
Librarian	960.00	
Assistants	564.50	
Other labor	116.64	
Books and Periodi- cals	379.76	
Repairs	314.69	
Fuel	378.00	
Insurance	88.00	
Telephone	37.55	
All other	154.39	
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		\$3,993.53

Total for Library . .	<hr/>	\$4,293.53
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Recreation.**Parks and Playgrounds:**

Equipment	\$207.62
Labor	402.28
Loam and sand	49.14
Removing trees	25.00
Water Play - ground, Pre - cinct No. 3	75.00

\$759.04

Hollis Playground—(Hollis Will)

Labor	\$556.29
Tennis Court and Ball Field	238.60

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Cinders	117.00
Fuel	78.20
Express	2.50

\$992.59

Hollis Playground.

Labor and Hauling	\$933.99
Materials	51.56

\$985.55

Total for Recreation \$2,737.18

Unclassified.

Legislative:

Appropriation Committee:

Reports	\$135.00
Printing	61.19

\$196.19

Planning Board .. \$10.00

Printing By-Laws.. \$519.50

Town Reports:

Printing	\$1,256.00
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Financial:

Adding Machine	\$480.20
Care and supplies for Adding Machine..	31.98
Ink	4.50

\$516.68

Selectmen:

Supplies	\$9.44	
Witness Fees (Mill Lane)	25.00	
Installing Light, Precinct No. 2	42.70	
All other	39.05	
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		\$116.19

Highways:

Fees, Relocations Petitions	\$14.00	
Bal. Interest, Q. Ave. Bridge	12.08	
Sign Boards	80.00	
R e g i s t r a t i o n , Trucks	95.00	
Repairs, Republic Truck	482.92	
Miscellaneous	71.91	
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		\$755.91

Charities:

Blanks, etc.	\$14.39	
H o m e-Supplies, etc.	239.56	
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		\$253.95

Treasurer:

Certification o f notes	\$28.00
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Assessors:

Census	\$403.25
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Calculating Machine	375.00
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\$778.35

Schools:

Thomas A. Watson School . . .	\$130.01
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Insurance, Pennman School . .	190.04
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\$320.05

Town Hall:

Hall Grounds . .	\$37.60
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Hall Grounds (Highways) .	150.00
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Lighting Hall and Hall Grounds .	259.26
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\$446.86

Police Department:

Balance on Auto	\$63.00
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Traffic Paint . . .	38.57
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\$101.57

Fire Department—Misc.	\$80.30
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Moth—Labor	\$26.73
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Cemetery—Tarvia	\$31.75
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Damages to Persons and Property . .	\$224.75
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\$5,662.78

Committee to Investigate Schools	\$309.47
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Engineering Department	1,380.66
Insurance, Public Buildings	1,554.82
Memorial Day:	
Post 87, G. A. R.	\$200.00
American Legion	100.00
Veterans Foreign Wars	100.00
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	\$400.00
Compensation Law	\$2,150.87
Repairs to Legion Building	\$100.00
Land Damages, Washington and Franklin Streets	\$3,793.00
Plain Street Cemetery:	
Superintendent .	\$50.00
Labor, sundry persons	370.00
Material	130.00
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	\$550.00
Quincy Avenue Bridge	\$47,000.00
Protection, Sunset Lake	\$364.00
Land Damages	\$1,707.84
Land Damages, Union & Adams Streets . .	\$820.00
Additional Water Supply	\$2,000.00

Signs and Signals:

Labor	\$183.00
Signs and Signals	2,605.19
Freight & Ex- press	14.06

\$2,802.25

\$64,932.91

Total for Unclassified

\$70,595.69

Interest:

Electric Light Construction .	\$1,800.00
Land Damages (Washington & Franklin Streets)	65.51
Schools	3,970.00
Town Hall	600.00
Tuberculosis Hos.	495.00
Anticipation of Revenue	3,535.97

\$10,466.48

Municipal Indebtedness:

Electric Light Construction .	10,000.00
Schools	10,000.00
Town Hall	2,000.00
Tuberculosis Tuberculosis Hos.	1,000.00

\$23,000.00

Land Damages (Wash. & Franklin Streets)	\$5,000.00
Anticipation of Revenue	\$200,000.00
Water Department	\$87,346.43
Electric Light Department	\$198,455.38
Metropolitan Park Assessment	\$12,451.97
State Assessment	30,240.00
County Tax	23,881.73
State Highway Tax	3,157.00
Municipal Lighting Plant	68.59
Metropolitan Planning Division	144.91
Corporation Tax	6.44
Auditing Municipal Accounts	1,211.45
Pilgrim Tercentenary	194.07
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	\$71,356.16
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Total Payments	\$1,205,260.94

Transfers

Taxes, 1924.	\$203.75
Transferred from Reserve Fund to:	
Highways	\$2,731.00
Signs and Signals	144.00
Miscellaneous	575.00
Police Department	1,146.31
Braintree Home	403.69
Schools	1,000.00
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	\$6,000.00
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	\$1,211,464.69

Balance, January 1, 1926:

General Cash	\$78,694.04	
Water Department . .	28,982.21	
Electric Light Department	2,059.49	
	<hr/>	\$109,735.74
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		\$1,321,200.43

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1925

ASSETS

Cash, General	\$78,694.04
Cash, Electric Light	2,059.49
Cash, Water Department	28,982.21
Cash, Specials	11,214.88
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	\$120,950.62
Taxes:	
Levy, 1925	\$137,255.19
Levy, 1924	188.84
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	\$137,444.03
Tax Titles	\$2,786.54
Civilian War Polls	\$1,302.00
Accounts Receivable:	
Individual	\$1,046.79
Departmental	\$20.00
Electric Light Department:	
Power	\$4,728.37
Light	\$746.78
Water Department:	
Revenue	\$11,332.31

LIABILITIES

Overlay, 1925	\$4,189.98
Overlay, 1924	2,001.45
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	\$6,191.43
Trust Funds Income:	
School Fund	\$771.78
French Fund	86.43
Penniman Fund	39.03
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	\$897.24
Tax Title Revenue	145
Reserve Fund: Overlay	\$2,786.54
Electric Depreciation Fund	\$4,458.33
Electric Light Dept.: Misl.	\$10,317.64
Electric Light Dept.: Revenue	\$1,431.07
Electric Light Dept.: Balance	\$4,044.08
Water Dept.: Rates	\$2,059.49
Water Dept.: Services	\$3,116.14
Water Dept.: Balance	\$8,216.17
Excess and Deficiency	\$28,982.21
Special Appropriations:	\$71,551.81
Grade School,	
(Torrey Site)	\$1,757.40
Premium, Accrued interest ..	143.08
Highways: Elm and Adams	
Streets	2,995.48

Highways: Union Street	5,718.39
Sidewalks, Franklin Street . . .	1,642.53
Highways, West Street	5,000.00
	5,000.00
	\$219.75
Signs and signals	
Relocation, Franklin and Granite Streets	606.76
Grade School (Torrey Site) . . .	110,728.99
Land Damages	937.16
Land Damages (Union and Adams Streets)	1,555.75
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	\$136,305.29
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	\$280,357.44

TRUST FUNDS

Cash and Securities	
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	\$280,357.44
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	\$35,983.16
Braintree School Fund	\$8,875.15
C. E. French Fund	2,000.00
N. H. Hunt Fund	24,276.99
A. M. Penniman Fund	500.00
A. C. Hanson Fund	331.02
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	\$35,983.16

INDEBTEDNESS

Net Bonded Debt	
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	\$305,500.00
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	\$305,500.00
Town Hall Loan	\$14,000.00
School Loans	241,500.00
Hospital	10,000.00
Electric Light Construction Loan	40,000.00
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	\$305,500.00

PROPERTY ACCOUNT

Real Estate
 Personal Property
 Water Works
 Electric Light Plant

\$461,927.74
 68,177.06
 366,707.64
 163,411.22

 \$1,060,223.66

Town Property

\$1,060,223.66

 \$1,060,223.66

RECAPITULATION GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Appropriation or Balance	Transfers or Refunds	Account	Payments	Balance
\$		\$		
25.00		Moderator	25.00	
1,650.00		Selectmen, salaries	1,650.00	
1,150.00		Selectmen, expenses	1,116.53	\$ 33.47
1,900.00		Accounting Department	1,900.00	
225.00		Auditors, salaries	225.00	
1,500.00		Treasurer, salary	1,500.00	
480.00		Treasurer, expenses	479.48	.52
1,000.00		Tax Collector, salary	1,000.00	
2,365.00		Tax Collector, expenses	2,270.65	94.35
2,400.00		Assessors, salaries	2,400.00	
1,558.00	\$ 145.00	Assessors, expenses	1,702.32	.68
900.00		Law	600.00	300.00
1,600.00		Town Clerk's Dept.	1,410.49	189.51
1,200.00		Election and Registration	934.25	265.75
900.00		Town Hall, Janitor	900.00	
1,144.00		Town Hall, Asst. Janitor	1,144.00	
2,000.00		Town Hall, Maintenance	1,994.48	5.52
786.41		Town Hall, Extraordinary Repairs	734.50	51.91
5,508.45		Town Hall Grounds (War Bonus)	5,508.45	

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

15,025.00		Police, salaries	14,514.95	510.05
1,320.00	186.31	Police, expenses	1,505.20	1.11
100.00		Police, special	90.50	9.50
75.00	960.00	Police, equipment	1,035.00	
13,894.00		Firemen, salaries	13,894.00	

1,815.00	Firemen, pay of men	1,815.00
1,700.00	Firemen, extra pay of men	7.50
4,631.00	General expenses	3.78
600.00	Repairs—Fire Truck, Precinct No. 3	100.77
1,734.00	Qualey's truck and man	
500.00	Hydrant Service	
2,200.00	Fire Alarm—Repairs and Renewals	.80
12,500.00	Pumping Engine	
1,200.00	New Hose	
180.00	Fire Alarm Box—Hillside Rd. and Union St.	
750.00	Weights and Measures	11.29
6,000.00	Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths	
2,435.00	Care and Planting Trees	
1,000.00	Building Inspection	

HEALTH AND SANITATION

700.00	Health, salaries	700.00
4,800.00	Collection of Garbage	4,180.00
850.00	Expenses, Care of Dumps, etc.	584.66
2,000.00	Contagious Diseases	1,995.20
873.26	Inspection of Plumbing	873.26
125.00	Inspection of Animals	125.00
100.00	Inspection of Milk	100.00
350.00	Inspection of Meats and Provisions	350.00
50.00	Vital Statistics	43.25
800.00	Dental Clinic	794.75
400.00	Tuberculosis Clinic	50.25
3,535.85	Norfolk County Hospital	3,535.85
1,890.00	Harrison Avenue Drain	1,890.00
1,013.00	Hollis Avenue Drain	1,303.09
130.00	Wilmarth Road Drain	130.00
	290.09	
		6.75
		5.25
		349.75

HIGHWAYS

150.00	Surveyors, salaries	150.00	
3,000.00	Salary, Supt. of Streets	3,000.00	
400.00	Expenses	389.29	10.71
52,436.55	Repairs	53,030.01	11.04
3,185.41	Sidewalks, Franklin Street	1,542.88	1,642.53
4,310.00	Elm and Adams Streets	1,314.52	2,995.48
500.00	Granite Street	490.07	9.93
8,950.00	Union Street	3,231.61	5,718.39
	Quincy Ave.—Monatiquot River Bridge	47,000.00	
1,480.57	Sidewalks (Bal.)	1,480.57	
6,000.00	Sidewalks (\$2,000 each Precinct)	5,828.53	171.47
2,000.00	Shaw Street Bridge	1,922.97	7.03
4,050.00	Tremont Street	4,049.44	.56
5,447.98	New Equipment	5,443.78	4.20
500.00	Hillside Road	990.44	9.56
4,000.00	Liberty Street	4,000.00	
1,934.00	Vinedale Road	1,933.83	.17
1,400.00	Sidewalks (Braintree Highlands)	1,400.00	
5,211.00	Pond Street	5,211.00	
180.00	Park Avenue	179.48	.52
10,000.00	West Street		10,000.00
875.00	Grove Street	864.44	10.56
3,735.00	Washington Street	3,734.59	.41
1,650.00	River Street Bridge	1,564.25	85.75
9,000.00	Snow Removal	8,999.83	.17
7,785.00	Street Lighting	7,785.00	
606.76	Damages, Franklin and Granite Streets		606.76
700.00	Sidewalks, Precinct No. 1 Square	700.00	

CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

600.00	Salaries, Overseers	600.00	
1,819.00	Salary Visitor, and Maintenance of Auto	1,306.71	512.29
300.00	Expenses, Clerk	300.00	
8,000.00	Poor	7,078.86	957.14
9,000.00	"118"	8,450.48	549.52
5,325.00	Home	5,710.93	17.76
1,394.00	State Aid and Soldiers' Burials	1,188.00	206.00
100.00	Military Aid		100.00
556.00	Soldiers' Relief	521.00	35.00

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARY

139,860.00	Salaries	138,705.67	1,154.33
66,133.00	General Expenses	67,381.18	.82
244.20	Penniman School Gift	244.20	
12,145.05	Thomas. Watson School	12,145.05	
166,500.00	New Schoolhouse (Torrey Site)	55,771.01	110,728.99
284.83	Smith-Hughes Fund	284.83	
4,000.00	Library, General Expenses	3,993.53	6.47
300.00	Library, Salary of Janitor	300.00	

RECREATION

800.00	Parks and Playgrounds	759.04	40.96
1,000.00	Hollis Playground	985.55	14.45
1,000.00	Hollis Playground (Hollis Will)	992.59	7.41

UNCLASSIFIED

6,000.00	Reserve Fund	6,000.00	
484.70	Committee to Investigate Schools	309.47	175.23
2,801.00	Engineering Department	1,380.66	1,420.34
3,193.10	Land Damages—Washington and Franklin Streets	3,193.10	
599.90	Land Damages—Washington and Franklin Streets (Loan)	599.90	
1,554.82	Insurance, Town Buildings	1,554.82	
5,347.00	Miscellaneous	5,662.78	262.35
400.00	Memorial Day, G. A. R.	400.00	
368.00	Protection, Sunset Lake	364.00	4.00
100.00	Repairs, Legion Building	100.00	
2,878.00	Signs and Signals	2,802.55	219.75
2,645.00	Land Damages (taking of land)	1,707.84	937.16
2,375.75	Land Damages (Union and Adams Sts.)	820.00	1,555.75
2,150.87	Employees' Compensation	2,150.87	
2,000.00	Additional Water Supply	2,000.00	
550.00	Cemetery, Plain Street	550.00	
13,930.51	Interest	10,466.48	3,464.03
28,000.00	Debt	28,000.00	
<u>\$747,794.97</u>			
\$ 52,096.72	Appropriation or Balance Transfers or Refunds	<u>\$653,398.30</u>	<u>\$146,493.39</u>
<u>\$799,891.69</u>	Payments Balances		<u>\$799,891.69</u>
	Total		

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Fire Department
OF THE
TOWN OF BRAINTREE
FROM

Dec. 31, 1924 to Dec. 31, 1925

Printed by Order of the Town



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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit to you the annual report of the Fire Department for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1925.

Total number of calls during the year—260, divided as follows:

Box Alarms	Month	Still Alarms
1	January	6
4	February	7
6	March	53
13	April	47
3	May	17
2	June	5
16	July	16
5	August	3
3	September	6
1	October	7
3	November	10
8	December	18
<hr/> 65	Totals	<hr/> 195

	Buildings	Woods—Dumps—Grass	Automobiles	Boats	Oil Tanks	Calls to Rescue Persons in Pond	False Alarms	Totals
Jan.	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	7
Feb.	2	6	0	1	1	1	0	11
Mar.	6	50	2	0	0	0	1	59
Apr.	8	50	1	0	0	0	1	60
May	3	15	0	0	1	0	1	20
June	2	3	0	0	0	0	2	7
July	15	11	1	0	0	2	3	32
Aug.	3	3	0	0	0	1	1	8
Sept.	2	3	2	0	0	0	2	9
Oct.	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	8
Nov.	5	7	0	0	0	0	1	13
Dec.	15	9	0	1	0	1	0	26
	67	165	7	2	2	5	12	260

Mo.	Valuation on Buildings	Insurance on Buildings	Damage to Buildings	Ins. Paid on Buildings
Jan.	\$23,550.00	\$19,100.00	none	none
Feb.	37,500.00	32,000.00	\$1,778.00	\$1,028.00
Mar.	41,150.00	27,800.00	3,326.00	3,321.00
Apr.	49,750.00	41,500.00	1,170.00	1,170.00
May	30,550.00	27,500.00	10,095.00	10,045.00
June	3,500.00	2,200.00	10.00	10.00
July	104,000.00	71,100.00	1,321.50	1,046.50
Aug.	20,415.00	14,000.00	1,714.80	1,712.80
Sept.	3,400.00	2,500.00	501.00	500.00
Oct.	24,500.00	20,000.00	550.00	550.00
Nov.	30,000.	22,600.00	5,298.00	3,298.00
Dec.	100,000.00	72,700.00	10,285.00	9,827.00
Tot.	\$468,315.00	\$353,000.00	\$36,049.30	\$32,508.30

Mo.	Valuation on Contents	Insurance on Contents	Damage to Contents	Ins. Paid on Contents
Jan.	\$9,020.00	\$7,000.00	\$10.00	none
Feb.	16,250.00	15,025.00	1,908.00	\$1,908.00
Mar.	8,500.00	6,500.00	620.00	620.00
Apr.	27,500.00	23,000.00	370.00	370.00
May	260.00	260.00	60.00	60.00
June	1,000.00	1,000.00	none	none
July	36,350.00	30,300.00	1,729.47	1,519.47
Aug.	7,100.00	6,200.00	586.00	186.00
Sept.	800.00	800.00	65.00	65.00
Oct.	23,600.00	20,000.00	710.00	710.00
Nov.	14,700.00	6,800.00	2,655.00	655.00
Dec.	47,000.00	35,200.00	2,627.25	2,616.25
Tot.	\$192,080.00	\$152,085.00	\$11,340.72	\$8,709.72

Mo.	Hose Laid (feet)	Chemical Used (gals.)	Ladders Used (feet)	Pumping Engine Pumped Water	
				Hrs.	Min.
Jan.	none	12	none		5
Feb.	1,100	212	none	none	
Mar.	2,550	162	370	2	20
Apr.	3,550	132	72		5
May	2,750	84	none		5
June	none	15	none	none	
July	5,350	87	52		10
Aug.	3,900	18	none		5
Sept.	1,750	3	20		5
Oct.	400	3	56		5
Nov.	2,850	6	220	4	10
Dec.	4,800	95	600	1	5

January 27th at 2:30 A. M., called to aid the Town of Holbrook—house and barn fire—laid 1,000 feet of hose and pumped water 2 hours and 30 minutes.

Total Calls That Each Piece Answered

Month	Chief's Car	Eng. No. 1	H. & L. No. 1	Forest	Eng. No. 3	Com. No. 3	Hose No. 2
				Fire Truck			
Jan.	6	4	2	1	0	2	1
Feb.	11	5	5	4	0	6	6
Mar.	58	12	12	33	0	12	10
Apr.	56	9	13	49	0	11	14
May	20	3	6	13	0	4	4
June	5	2	2	3	0	2	2
July	27	13	15	14	0	5	16
Aug.	7	5	6	3	1	0	4
Sept.	8	5	3	3	3	0	2
Oct.	7	4	1	4	0	0	1
Nov.	13	5	4	5	3	2	3
Dec.	26	14	17	3	4	19	4
Totals	244	81	86	135	11	63	67

Total Calls in Each Precinct.

	Precincts	One	Two	Three
January		4	1	2
February		3	4	4
March		26	12	21
April		31	12	17
May		8	7	5
June		5	0	2
July		14	13	5
Aug.		4	3	1
Sept.		5	1	3
Oct.		5	3	0
Nov.		8	1	4
Dec.		11	8	7
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Totals		124	65	71

Permits Granted.

Gasolene	24
Dynamite	36
Transport Oil in Harbor	51
Fireworks	18
Set Fires in open air	212
Fuel Oil	14

Recommendations—1926.

Salary Chief.

Deputy Chiefs.

Permanent Men.

Call Men.

Extra pay of Firemen

Deputy Forest Fire Wardens.

General Expenses.

Fire Alarm Boxes.

Braintree-Holbrook line.

Clark Street, Braintree.

Peach and Liberty Streets.

Edgemont Road, East Braintree.

Hollis Avenue and Walnut Street.

HOUSING PROBLEMS.

In my report to the citizens last year, I called attention to the necessity for proper housing facilities for the men and apparatus. Again this year, I would respectfully submit to the citizens of Braintree,—possessed of as fine fire fighting equipment as any city or town in the State,—in fairness to themselves and the men employed to protect them, should be prepared at the next Annual Town Meeting to appropriate a sum of money sufficient to properly house the firemen and equipment in Precinct 1. Bearing in mind that the present station in that precinct is rounding out a half century of usefulness and that its original purpose has long since passed,—namely storage for the old hand tub “Butcher Boy,”—one can readily perceive that a building of that type with practically no modern conveniences is not a proper place to house thousand of dollars worth of up-to-date equipment,—not to mention the men who care for them.

I, therefore, make the following recommendation—that a modern Fire Station be erected on town property adjoining the Town Hall. In my opinion, this location conceded to be the hub of the town, is geographically, practically and economically the one most desired. By so doing, the citizens are saved the necessity of purchasing or taking land, the apparatus can more speedily, efficiently and thoroughly operate and can more effectively serve the wants of the town. In addition, there will be saved the expenditure of continuous sums of money for repairs each year on the present fire stations, and the added necessity of money to repair and properly equip the fire station in Precinct 2 (Hollis Avenue) both of which needs are imperative. My reference to the last named will explain to the citizens of Precinct 2 why it was that the apparatus repaired and formerly used in Precinct 3 is at present

stored in the Fire Station in that Precinct but used in responding to all alarms in Precincts 1, 2 and 3.

COMPENSATION.

Realizing to the fullest, a fireman's duty, the constant risk he undergoes, the willingness with which he undertakes every task and the splendid manner in which he performs his duty, I am compelled to ask that some form of compensation be prepared and provided for him in the event of injury, illness or death resulting from some act in the performance of his duty. Surely, no citizen will say that one who risks all—even his life for the safety of others—is not worthy of some consideration. Too often have we seen destitution in families of firemen brought about through no fault of the parent, but the direct result of injury or death received while endeavoring to save the lives and property of others.

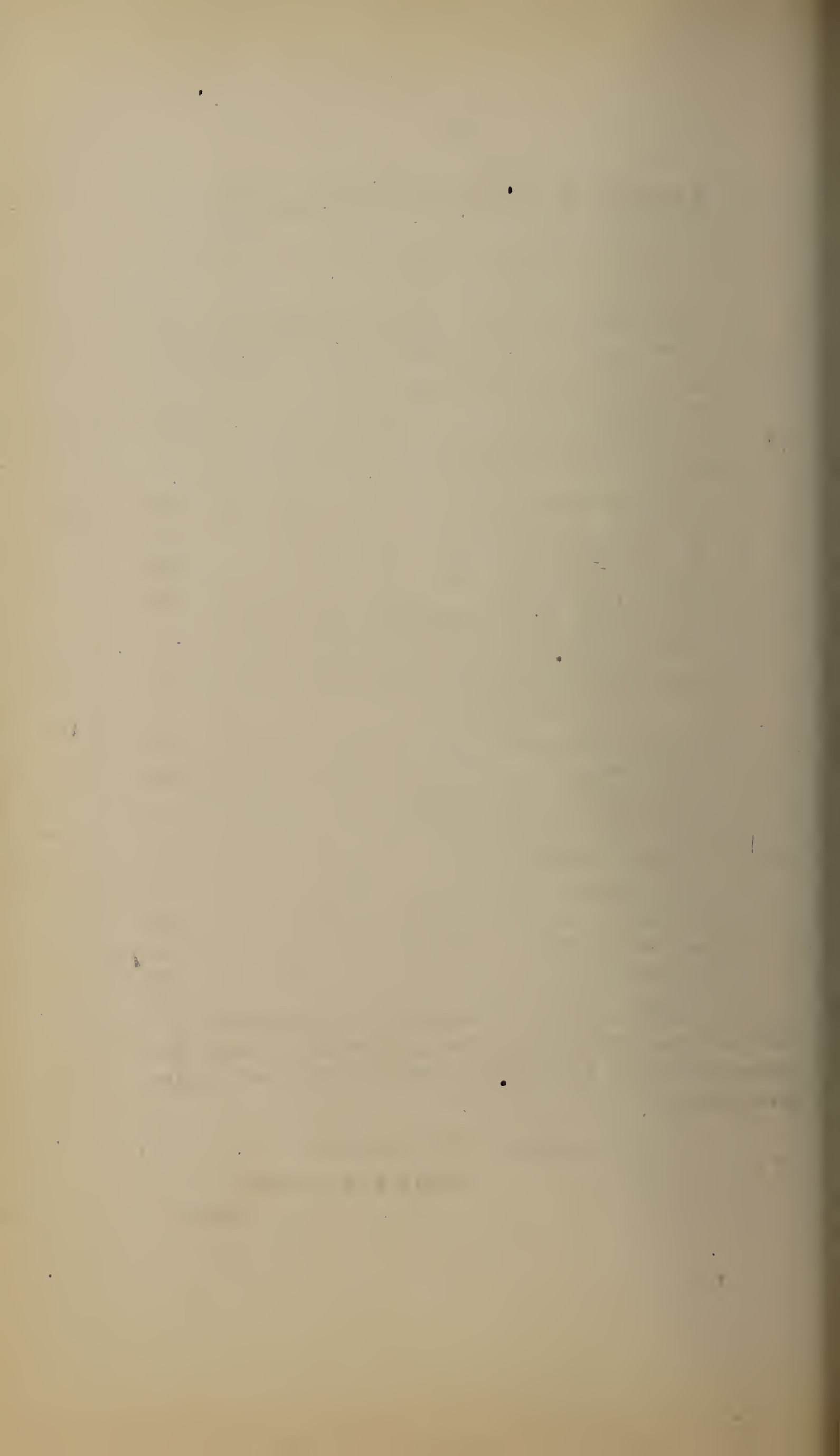
I feel that suitable means should be provided for the care of all firemen,—whether permanent or call men,—who have been disabled or killed in the performance of their duty and recommend that favorable action along these lines be taken.

In closing, I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen and all citizens who, through their efforts and many kindnesses, have aided in the success of my department during the past year.

To the officers and members of the department, I wish to express the deepest appreciation of their continued good will and for the efficiency they have displayed under all circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED A. TENNEY,
Chief of the
Braintree Fire Department.



REPORT OF THE WELFARE WORKER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Overseers
of the Poor.

I herewith submit the following report for the
year ending December 31, 1925:

Number of families referred	115.
Calls made	742
Divided as follows:	
Overseers:	
Application for aid	75
Families aided	54
Persons involved	190
Calls made	409
Application made, aid rendered from other sources	21
Families now aided	24
Mothers' Aid Families	15
Persons involved	85
Calls made	262
Families now being aided	12
Military Aid Applicatioos	13
Families Aided	12
Calls made	32
Now Aided	8
Board of Health	12
Calls made	39

To the Friendly Aid Association, other organizat-
ions and individuals who have rendered valuable as-
sistance on many occasions, we wish to express our ap-
preciation.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY M. CARY,

Agent

REPORT OF DENTAL CLINIC, 1925

October 13, 1925

Clinic opened at Braintree Friendly Aid Rooms.
Pupils examined by School Nurse and sent to Clinic for treatment.

Report of Dental Clinic from January 1st, to
December 31st, 1925

Children treated in January .	261
Cleanings	148
Fillings	118
Extractionsoons	73
	——— 339
Children treated in February .	123
Cleanings	69
Fillings	88
Extractions	37
Abscesses opened	2
	——— 196
Children treated in March . . .	288
Cleanings	131
Fillings	141
Extractions	51
Abscesses opened	2
Examinations	4
	——— 329
Children treated in April	167
Cleanings	95
Fillings	87
Extractions	45
Examinations	1
	——— 228

Children treated in May	161
Cleanings	65
Fillings	136
Extractions	47
Abscesses opened	1
	—— 249

Children treated in October	118
Cleanings	115
Fillings	14
Extractions	4
	—— 133

Children treated in November	141
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Cleanings	124
Fillings	150
Extractions	3
	—— 277

Children treated in December	150
Cleanings	100
Fillings	50
Extractions	3
	—— 153

Total number of children treated — 1409.

Total number of operations — 1904.

Respectfully,

ELLA V. BERNIER, R. N.

REPORT OF TUBERCULOSIS WORK, 1925

108 calls have been made in connection with the follow-up work in Tuberculosis.

All new cases reported through the Board of Health have been investigated, histories taken and re-

ports sent into the State Board of Health."

An increase of 8 cases has been noted in the past year.

Respectfully,

ELLA V. BERNIER, R.N.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
BRAINTREE, MASS.

Precinct 1.

French's Common and Hollingsworth Park

Have been kept in good condition during the summer. A new band stand has been installed on the Common, Base Ball, Foot Ball, and Field Hockey have been the leading sports played on the Common. Trees have been trimmed and space in the rear of the grove has been cleaned up. Sand boxes were filled for the children, new chains purchased for the swings, seats have been installed in the grove, a swing table with seats has been erected for the playground children. A volley ball court was cleaned for that sport. Basket Ball hoops were put up and the Common mowed and raked at least once every two weeks.

At Hollingsworth park the diamond has been raked and kept in good condition for base ball. A new drive way on the east side has been installed. This park was used more last summer than ever before.

Precinct 2.

The work of removing gravel and grading Hollis Field, has progressed very satisfactory.

The Highway Department, furnished their equipment and removed, filled and graded the lower part of the ball field, so that the grounds are in good condition for most any kind of sports. This work was done under the supervision of Mr. Austerberry.

The Hollis Field Association, has voted what money in the treasury, about \$1,300.00, for grading the upper part of the play-ground, which we intend to complete in the spring.

The field was mowed, cleaned, sand boxes were filled and a section set apart for the entertainment of small children, under the direction of the play-ground committee.

Precinct 3.

Much work has been accomplished during the past year on the water-front playground. A Tennis Court was laid out, the base ball diamond relocated and material purchased for a sixty (60) foot back stop which will be erected before the ensuing base ball season. It is the desire of the department to make further improvements by removing the remaining sods from the diamond, scraping and rolling it, so that when finished it will compare favorably with any field on the South Shore.

During the months of July and August each precinct playgrounds was furnished with a capable instructor who was in constant attendance during pleasant weather and the children derived much pleasure and enjoyment along the lines of proper recreation.

When the cold weather arrived a considerable portion of the field was diked off and flooded so that hundreds of citizens and children were able to enjoy ice skating.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed

LAWRENCE A. TRAINOR

ALBERT F. HOLLIS

JOHN N. RODGERS,

Park Commissioners

**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1925**

Income

Town Appropriation	\$ 800.00	
Town Appropriation, Hollis Field	1000.00	
From N. E. Hollis Fund	500.00	
From N. E. Hollis Fund, (1924) .	500.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,800.00

Expenditures

Mowing, Cleaning and Grading .	\$2,201.36	
Labor and Material	535.82	
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Unexpended balance	<hr/>	\$ 62.82
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JOHN N. RODGERS, Treasurer.

Highway Department Report

1925

To the Honorable Board of Highway Surveyors of the
Town of Braintree:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending
(1925) for work done by the Highway Department.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR GENERAL REPAIRS TO HIGHWAYS

	Labor	Hauling	Stock	Totals
Superintendent				\$3,000.00
Maintenance	\$4,751.32	\$2,399.94	\$6,295.71	\$13,446.97
Street Cleaning	1,689.00	343.90		2,032.90
Tarvia, sanding and applying	4,561.34	1,494.04	10,453.34	16,508.72
Resurfacing	4,060.52	2,364.00	5,866.16	12,290.68
Guard Rails and Fences	400.00		692.55	1,092.55
General Drains and Catch Basins	1,012.40	1,276.31	1,368.42	3,657.13
Quincy Ave. Bridge Operating Ment				185.00
Repairs to Equip- ment				2,294.59
Bridge Repairs Concrete Floor				450.00
Middle Street Concrete Floor				

Miscellaneous		
Rent of Drain to		
N.Y.N.H. & H.R.RY		5.00
Express		3.75
Registration Ford Car		10.00
Lunch		1.15
Adv. bids		18.50
Printing		25.50
Insurance on Equipment		
and Barns		1,001.35
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Appropriations Reserve Fund		\$53,023.79
Washington, Union and		
Central		\$60.00
Middle Street Bridge		
Repairs		450.00
Washington and Ceder		50.00
		\$560.00
Refunds		\$13.25
Refunds		25.03
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		\$38.28
Appropriations.		
Highways—Gen.		\$52,436.55
Repairs	\$51,600.00	
Insurance	836.55	
SNOW REMOVAL		
Labor, \$5,002.97	Hauling, \$1,762.18	Materials, \$2,234.68
Total		\$8,999.83
Appro.		9,000.00
Balance.		.17
PRIVATE WORK		
Appropriation		\$1,000.00
Expended		974.98
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Balance Unexpended		\$25.02
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS		
Shaw Street Bridge,		
Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Contract		1,977.60

Stock				15.37
Unexpended Balance				7.03
Tremont Street Appropriation				\$4,050.00
	Labor	Hauling	Stock	Total
	\$617.04	\$228.00	\$3,204.40	\$40,49.44
Balance				.56
Liberty Street Appropriation				\$4,000.00
	Labor	Hauling	Stock	Total
	\$942.25	\$243.76	\$2,813.99	\$4,000.00
Vinedale Road Appropriation				\$1,934.00
	Labor	Hauling	Stock	Total
	\$773.43	\$110.32	\$1,050.08	\$1,933.83
Balance				.17
Washington Street Appropriation				\$3,735.00
	Labor	Hauling	Stock	Total
	\$1,438.21	\$132.16	\$2,164.22	\$3,734.59
Balance				.41
Grove Street Appropriation				\$875.00
	Labor	Hauling	Stock	Total
	\$394.55	\$53.00	\$416.89	\$864.44
Balance				10.56
Granite Street Appropriation				\$500.00
	Labor	Hauling	Stock	Total
	\$380.55	\$109.52		\$490.07
Balance				9.93
Hillside Road Appropriation				\$1,000.00
	\$501.41	\$45.36	\$443.67	\$99.44
Balance				9.56
Pond Street Appropriation				\$5,211.00
	Labor	Hauling	Stock	Total
	\$1,389.94	\$348.05	\$3,473.01	\$5,211.00
West Street Appropriation (1924)			Total	\$5,000.00
West Street Appropriation (1925)			Total	\$5,000.00
Unexpended Balance				\$10,000.00
New Equipment Appropriation			Total	\$5,447.98
Expended				
New Truck				\$5,420.00
Miscellaneous				\$23.78
Balance				\$4.20
Elm and Adams Street Appropriation				\$1,314.52
	Bridge	Labor	Hauling	Stock
	\$850.00	\$335.20	\$104.82	\$24.50
				\$1,314.52

Expended				
Balance				\$2,995.48
Union Street Appropriation				\$3,231.61
	Labor	Hauling	Stock	Total
	\$929.14	\$429.44	\$1,873.03	\$3,231.61
Balance				\$5,718.39
Park Avenue Appropriation				\$179.48
Labor and Materials	\$179.48			
Balance				.52

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SIDEWALKS

Sidewalk, Franklin Street				
Balance (1924)				\$3,185.31
	Labor	Hauling	Stock	Total
	\$875.80	\$114.24	\$402.84	\$1,392.88
Unexpended Balance				\$1,792.53
Sidewalk on Washington Street From Hobart Block To Tremont Street, South Braintree:				
Appropriation				\$700.00
Contract				\$700.00
Sidewalks (CEMENT)				
Appropriation				\$6,000.00
Contract				\$4,907.31
Materials				\$1,092.69
Balance				6.56
Sidewalks, Braintree Highlands:				
Appropriation				\$1,400.00
Expended Balance				\$1,400.00

Equipment owned by Town:

24 acres of land, located on Liberty Street.
 Town Barns, Buildings, located on Union Street.
 Three Dump Trucks (2 Whites) (1. Republic)
 One Dump Truck, Ton and Half International.
 One Cressy Spraying Outfit, complete.
 One Austin Bucket Loader.
 One Austin Cube Mixer.
 One Bufflo Steam Roller, (18 Tons).
 One Bufflo Steam Roller, (7 Tons).
 One Adams Grader.
 One Gasoline Pump.
 One New England Crusher, Complete.
 One Spring Tooth Arrow.

One Set of drain pipe cleaners.
 One Three-ton falls.
 One Two-ton falls.
 One Van Dorn Drill.
 One Erie steam shovel, Type A., complete with ditching bucket.
 One Portable blacksmiths forge.
 One Air compressor, complete with jack hammer.
 Two air plug hammers drills.
 One Ford Sedan.
 One Fordson tractor, with spare wheels.
 Three Snow plows (Trucks).
 Twenty Sidewalk Snow plows.

Loaned to the Town of Braintree Highway Department, by the State Highway Department—One 4-Ton Packard Dump Truck with snow plow, and One Dyer Hot mix plant, complete, conditions being—that the Town returns same when called for by the State Department and kept in repair by the Town while in use here.

MAINTENANCE

Maintenance consists principally of patching the seal coating and water bound macadam, gravel, and dirt roads. This work is an absolute necessity, and owing to the increase travel of traffic through the Town, there is of course an expense goes with it, and should not be overlooked at the annual Town Meeting.

Drainage

The work of drains conveying surface water, is on the increase every year owing to the new developments of land, in all three sections of the Town, this last Year Drains have been run on the following streets. Holmes and Fairfield Streets. Middle and Harrison

Avenue. Hollis Avenue. Myrtle and Spruce Streets.

Bridges

Repairs was made to the following Bridges. Shaw Street Bridges, New Concrete floor and sidewalk and Fence walls. Adams Street Bridge, Concrete floor. Middle Street bridge, Concrete floor, only two wooden bridges remaining in the Town and should be repaired this coming year, Pearl Street and Union Street.

GRANTING OF PERMITS

Permits have been issued to dig trenches in the Streets during the year.

Permits granted to the Old Colony Gas Company.

Permits granted to the Water Department.

Permits granted to the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Company.

Permits granted to the Cellar Drains.

Total of Permits Granted.

Permits will not be granted to any company before March 1, 1926, owing to the danger of ditches caving in when the frost comes out of the ground.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1926.

I recommend that the following appropriations be made for repairs to Highways and Bridges:

Repairs

General	\$14,000.00
Street Cleaning	2,000.00
Quincy Avenue Bridge	300.00
Tarvia	16,000.00
Resurfacing	12,000.00
Drains and Catch Basins	2,000.00
Guard rails and fences	1,000.00
Insurance on equipment	1,000.00

Bridge repairs	8,000.00
Highways, Equipment	10,350.00
Highways, (Private work)	2,000.00
Snow	9,000.00
Street Lighting	9,225.00

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

(As requested by various citizens of the TOWN)

Precinct One:

Washington Street, High school to Central Avenue.
 Washington Street, French's Common to Thayer Place.
 Union Street, R. R. Track to Cleveland Avenue.
 Union Street, DeCoste Store to Middle Street.
 Elmwood Avenue, Tremont Street, to Franklin Street.
 Hobart Avenue, Hollingsworth Avenue to 375' East.
 Academy Street, Hollingsworth Avenue to Tremont.
 Smith Street, Hancock to 320' West.
 Pond Street, Fairview Avenue to Glendale Road.
 Franklin Street Drain.

Precinct Two:

Center Street, Quincy line to Washington Street.
 Dean Street, Cochato Road to Oak Street.
 Holmes Street, Fairfield to Washington Street.
 Harrison Avenue, Cleveland Avenue to Middle Street.
 Morrison Road, Adams Street to Drinkwater Lane.
 Wilmarth Road, Webster Street to 490' North.
 Washington Street, High school to Hollis Avenue.
 Washington Street, Hollis Avenue to River Street.
 Washington Street, River Street to Storrs Avenue.
 Washington Street, Storrs Avenue to Braintree Bank.
 Washington Street, Braintree Bank to School Street.
 Washington Street, School Street to Pres. Rd.
 Washington Street, Pres. Road to Capen's Bridge.
 Independence Avenue, Capen's Bridge to Quincy line
 and Washington Street intersection.

Precinct Three:

Adams Street, Railroad to Commercial Street.

Commercial Street, Adams to Union Street.

Union Street, Middle Street—to Hillside Road.

Stetson Street, Faxon to Elliott Street.

Nelson, Shaw to Prospect Street.

Somerville Avenue, Shaw to 400' East.

Marietta Avenue, Hayward Street to Dewey Road.

Edgemont Road—

Bickford Road—

Pleasant View Avenue, Quincy Avenue to Vinedale Road.

Commercial Street, from Adams Street to Elm Drain.

River Street, (Prec. No. 2.)

Precinct Two:

Elm Street Drain from Kelley's Store to R. R. Culvert.

Elm Street Drain, from Elmlawn Road, to Fore River track.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED AUSTERBURY,
Superintendent of Streets.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board presents its report for the year ending December 31, 1925.

The Braintree's population is growing very rapidly at the present time is a matter of common notice. For several years prior to 1920 it increased at a fairly steady rate of about 15% per five years. But between 1920 and 1925 it increased from 10,580 to 13,193, about 25%. If this rate of increase is continued our population in 1935 will be over 20,000. As far as can be seen at the present time, there are no prospects of any interruption of this growth. On the contrary, the indications are that the rate of increase will become faster and faster in progressive ratio since we are directly in the path of the inevitable expansion of metropolitan Boston. It seems probable that Braintree is just about to enter a new period of her history and is on the eve of undergoing a complete transformation.

In view of these facts, it would seem to be the part of wisdom and common sense for us, the citizens, to try to plan for the future, in so far as it can be foreseen, and to do what is possible toward controlling the character of this growth so that orderliness and attractiveness of the town and the values of the properties within its borders may be preserved and increased.

Fortunately for us, effective methods of doing this have been discovered. The one of these which is undoubtedly the most important is called "Zoning." The essential idea in this is the division of the community into districts or "zones" and the adoption of such regulations for each zone with regard to the uses, con-

struction, heights, and set-backs of buildings and the percentage of lot covered, as seem most likely to conserve property values and promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the inhabitants.

The people of Braintree have already accepted zoning with reference to the construction of buildings. Recognizing that in certain districts the fire hazards are greater than in others, we have adopted special building regulations for them which do not apply to the other sections of the town. This, so far as it goes, is a good illustration of the fundamental idea of zoning—the realization that some parts of the community have different conditions from others and therefore require different regulations. This is not favoritism, for all sections having similar conditions are treated alike; it is simply common sense.

Another step in this same direction is zoning with reference to use. It is obvious that some land, because of its nearness to pedestrian traffic centers, is especially suited to general business purposes. Other tracts, affording easy access to freight transportation and plenty of room for expansion, are particularly adapted to manufacturing. Still other districts have advantages of location, drainage, and attractiveness which make them most valuable for residential uses. People find it profitable to use land in this specialized way and oft-repeated experience has shown that it is in line with public interest for communities to encourage this natural tendency. When a factory or store is built in the midst of a residential neighborhood or when a heavy manufacturing plant is placed in a general business district, the value of all the surrounding property frequently diminishes. A common result of this depreciation is what is known as a "blighted district", where the owners lose confidence in the future of their holdings and let the condition of the buildings run

down, refusing to sink any more money in what seems likely to become a comparatively worthless investment. Of course this means serious loss not only to the property owners, but to the town's treasury as well, to say nothing of inestimable injury to the happiness of everybody concerned. The only effective remedy for this which has so far been discovered and put into common practise is "use zoning."

In use zoning, various appropriately located districts are established, some especially for manufacturing, some for business, and some for residential purposes. (In many communities these three types are subdivided in various ways, such as "heavy" or "nuisance" and "light" manufacturing zones, "one-family", "two-family" and "multifamily" residential zones, etc.) Then new structures are prohibited from being built in zones where they would be injurious as for example: new factories must not be built in business or residential zones, and new stores, gasoline stations, or public garages cannot be scattered promiscuously about among the districts reserved for homes. Structures already established at the time of the passing of the ordinance which do not conform to the uses prescribed for their district are allowed to be maintained, but must not be materially enlarged.

Besides saving money for the citizens of the town by protecting property values from depreciation, use zoning also effects economy in street layout and the supply of water, electric, and sewer service, thereby providing each kind of district with exactly the type of service needed and at the lowest cost.

Other very desirable types of zoning limit the maximum height of buildings, their minimum set-back from street and lot lines, their maximum area in relation to the lot and the minimum size of lots. These regulations are valuable for ensuring all inhabitants adequate light and air and for preventing unhealthy conditions.

Zoning regulations are administered by the building inspector, subject to appeal to a Board of Appeals.

The character of zoning adopted in different communities varies greatly, according not only to the physical conditions in the territory but also to the desires of the inhabitants. Although the details are worked out by the Planning Board with technical assistance, the fundamental policies to be followed are determined by public sentiment, as expressed at numerous hearings held in the different localities while the plans are being prepared. If subsequent experience should reveal defects in the ordinance, or future changed conditions make different provisions desirable, amendments may be made by a two-thirds vote of the town meeting.

But although Braintree's zoning problem is not exactly like that of any other community, it would seem wise to take all possible advantage of the experience of other towns. This can be most readily done by retaining the services of some professional town planning consultant who has made the study of these highly technical matters his specialty and who can view the **local problems** without any bias. His charges, the cost of the hearings, and the printing of the report would be practically the only expense of the operation. This under present conditions ought not to total more than \$2000 which is a very small sum indeed in comparison with the benefits to be received. The security which zoning affords will surely attract enough additional valuation to the town to repay this expense in a very short time.

That zoning is thoroughly practical is shown by its wide acceptance all over the country. It has been adopted by 41 towns and cities in Massachusetts alone since 1920. All the communities within a radius of ten miles from the state-house except Braintree, Wey-

mouth, Hull, Nahant, and Saugus have now either completed or are at work on zoning ordinances. This puts the unzoned territory in special danger of invasion by undesirable sorts of developement which are being excluded from other places. We feel that Braintree can not afford to lose any time in adopting this means of protection.

Therefore the Planning Board unanimously and strongly recommends that the town this year raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be expended under the direction of the Planning Board for the purpose of preparing a comprehensive zoning by-law and reporting the same to the town.

Another kind of provision for the future which is very important is the widening and straightening of our main highways, in order to adapt them to modern and future traffic conditions. This has already been well started and we hope it will be continued until all our principal thoroughfares are cared for. Among the most urgent needs remaining are Hancock Street between Thayer Avenue and Plain Street and Washington Street at the Braintree Highlands railroad bridge. Liberty Street south of Norfolk Road, should be relocated before any important reconstruction is done on it and before the value of the adjacent land rises to such degree as to materially increase the damages.

We believe that the relocation, extension, and construction of Common Street as far as Sunnyside Park and the extension of the layout through to Granite Street should be pushed to completion this year. This will give much-needed relief to a number of tax-payers and will be a large step toward the provision of what will probably be some day one of our most important highways.

We endorse the proposed widening of Norfolk and Washington Squares, provided that assessments for betterments are made in accordance with Chapter 80 of the General Laws, thus providing for the adjustment of a balance between betterments and damages which will be fair to both the abutters and the public.

The corner of Independence Avenue and Centre Street is now very dangerous. This situation would be much improved if, in addition to relocation of street lines, the grade of Centre Street were raised for a distance of at least one hundred feet from the corner.

Another dangerous corner which would be improved by a change of grade is the junction of Middle and Elm Streets.

We recommend that the town execute this year the widening of the corner of Central Avenue and Tremont Street as shown on plan filed by Mr. White, in accordance with the recommendation in last year's Planning Board report. This will remove some of the danger; but nothing short of the moving of two houses which now interrupt the view will make this corner safe. Eventually the whole of Central Avenue will have to be widened, since it is on an important traffic route from Franklin Street to East Braintree. In view of this, building lines should be established at once, so that when the traffic increases to such extent as to make the widening necessary, it can be done at minimum cost.

The town was very wise in accepting the building line law and is now in a position not only to protect property values along our streets as they now exist by preventing undue nearness of buildings to the street line, but also to make future widenings possible without the excessive damage which the removal of buildings would entail. The Planning Board will be very glad to co-operate with the Board of Survey in a com-

prehensive study of the needs of the whole town in this connection.

The so-called "Southern Artery" which has been proposed by the Metropolitan Planning Division as a part of a great circumferential highway leading around Boston will be of immense importance to Braintree. It is planned to enter the town from the Blue Hills Reservation, follow West Street to Five Corners, then Franklin, Washington, Plain and Grove Streets to Weymouth. This will eliminate several danger spots such as at the bridge over the river at Plain Street and at the intersection of Grove and Liberty Streets.

We renew the recommendation of previous Planning Board reports that a complete set of assessors' plans of the town be gradually accumulated until the whole area of the town is covered. Plans of subdivisions required by the Board of Survey should be at the same scale. The new map of the town ordered by the last annual meeting will be a great assistance to all departments, but the assessors' maps and subdivision maps are needed to supplement this.

We feel that the town should proceed with the installation of a sewer system as soon as possible. Not only does the rapid growth of population make the need increasingly acute, but many of our important streets require resurfacing, and it will be much more economical to install sewers before this is done than afterward.

In view of these same prospects, it also seems desirable that a survey of our water system be made in the near future so that we may be sure that all mains will be adequate for the probable future needs of the districts they serve, or if not, that new ones may be laid before the streets are reconstructed. There has been so much popular dissatisfaction with the quality of the water that the proposed survey might well in-

clude the consideration of supply as well as distribution.

Of course the process of widening streets will necessitate the cutting of many of our beautiful shade trees. This is to be greatly regretted and should be avoided wherever feasible. When the sacrifice of trees is unavoidable, new trees should be systematically and promptly planted in their stead wherever circumstances permit. The species should be carefully selected, with consideration of the surrounding conditions. In localities where open lawns seem likely to continue, trees demanding considerable open space for their roots, like the American Elm, can be planted. The elm is particularly valuable not only for its graceful beauty but also for its high habit of branching which does not interrupt the view beneath. The waterproof surfacing of our modern streets and sidewalks however makes it impossible for the elm and many other desirable varieties to grow in some situations. This does not mean that our business centers must be entirely bare of trees, for there are a few species that will still thrive, even when surrounded on every side by pavement, if only a small area of open earth is allowed them near their trunks. Illustrations of this may be seen on Huntington Avenue, Boston, and in other places. Whenever in the future the making of granolithic or tarvia sidewalks is contemplated, it would seem very desirable that the Superintendent of Streets and the Tree Warden collaborate in planning for this kind of provision wherever it is needed.

We renew the recommendation made in previous Planning Board reports that a certain amount of hard-surfaced side-walk be made each year.

The Surveyors of Highways and Superintendent of Streets are to be commended for their work in placing warning signals at critical points. It is to be hoped that the town will provide ample means for future ef-

forts in this direction. The cost of these is trifling when compared with the value of the human life they protect.

We renew the recommendation of previous years that a set of traffic regulations be added to our town By-laws.

The town is to be congratulated on the excellent new street lighting near the town hall and at South Braintree Square. All places where large numbers of people walk should be especially well lighted in the interests of safety. Other places where better provision of this sort is needed are at the junction of Allen Street and Quincy Avenue, at Norfolk Square, and at the Elm Street railroad crossing.

Owing to present financial conditions, the prospects of abolition of railroad grade crossings seem rather remote, but it is to be hoped that people will not lose sight of the fact that with the increase of traffic using them comes a corresponding increase of menace to human life, to say nothing of the time wasted whenever traffic is blocked by trains.

The citizens were very wise at the last annual town meeting in ordering a study of future needs with regard to school sites. Since real estate throughout the community is rising rapidly in value it behoves the town to buy land for future use as soon as possible.

The Planning Board believes that this policy should be applied to land for street, playground and park purposes as well, and is working on a comprehensive plan for the whole town which we hope to be ready to report on in detail next year.

There is one part of this plan, however, which is already clearly enough defined to make consideration possible at this time and which we feel needs immediate attention.

Braintree is fortunate in possessing a number of opportunities for water-side parks. The voters were very wise in securing Watson Park some few years ago. We believe there should likewise be a water-side park in each of the other parts of the town, in order that the inhabitants of all sections may have an easily accessible place for bathing, boating and skating, which they can use without trespassing on private property. We are now ready to report on provision of this sort for South Braintree.

The shores of Sunset Lake, especially in the vicinity of the pumping station, are used by large numbers of people for recreational purposes. As the population of the town increases the popularity of this place likewise grows, until now the crowds frequently overflow beyond the limits of the area owned by the town and use land that is private property. While the owners have been remarkably indulgent about this trespassing, the time will surely come if the present condition persists when the owners will lose patience and rigorously exclude all intruders. The obvious solution of this problem is the purchase by the town of a strip of this property along the shore for a park.

This unusually beautiful spot would require very little expenditure to adapt it for public purposes. When it is financially expedient the town might well build a public boat-landing there and improve the bathing facilities; but the place would be very useful for the present without these. It is centrally located, within easy reach of large numbers of people—near enough to several industrial plants so that the employees can enjoy it during their lunch hour—yet far enough from the main high-ways so that the noise and confusion of traffic will not interfere with its usefulness as a place for rest and recreation.

We recommend that the town acquire a tract of land extending from the north-west boundry of Lake-view Cemetary along the shore a distance of approximately eight hundred and fifty feet, bounded on the north-east by a line parallel with Franklin Street, two hundred and forty feet from the same; also a strip of land forty feet wide connecting the northern end of the park with Franklin Street. This will give a width to the park along the lake front ranging from about sixty to one hundred and eighty feet.

We appreciate both the interest shown in our work by the citizens of the town and the courtesies extended to us by officials of other departments.

At this critical period in the town's history it is imperative that every inhabitant take an active interest in the solution of these problems, which affect not only the present but future generations as well.

THERON I. CAIN, Chairman

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Members of the Planning Board

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

This Committee has proceeded to construct a grade school in South Braintree which, it is now expected, will be completed by the date of the annual business meeting. It believes that this building is well planned and well constructed and is one for which the Town need make no apologies, either at this or any future time. The appropriation made by the Town will cover all costs in connection with the building itself and leaves a substantial balance for grading.

As this report goes to press, bids for the high school have been requested. The Committee believes that the plans and specifications upon which these bids are to be based, conform to the wishes expressed by the Town in adopting the School Housing Committee's report at the Annual Meeting of 1925. The Committee is hopeful as to the result of the building, but has had inserted in the warrant, as a precautionary measure, article 101 under which it may ask for a further appropriation, should the contractors' prices exceed the amount now available.

The School Committee feels that a 500 pupil building will be inadequate in size by the time that it is ready for occupancy or at a time almost immediately subsequent thereto and that an addition to the building will then be required. Accordingly, alternative bids have also been asked for on plans incorporating this "addition" (if, in the case of a non-existing building, it may be properly so called) as a part of the original scheme. Article 102 of the Warrant has been inserted in order that the Town may make this incor-

poration, if it so desires. This Committee believes that it is in the interest of economy and good management so to do and so recommends. It perhaps should be said that if the amount already appropriated in 1925 is found to be sufficient for the 500 pupils building the plans are so laid out that matters can and will proceed without financial loss and without prejudice to any favorable action that may be taken under Article 102.

Respectfully submitted,
SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE,
by FRANK A. EWART,
Secretary.

February 3, 1926.

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Meetings of the School Committee

Second Monday evening of each month at eight o'clock
in the Town House, Washington Street, South
Braintree:

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

January 2, 1926.

To the Citizens of the Town of Braintree:

Your Committee in submitting its report for the fiscal year just closed, with the exception of a few facts herein mentioned, will deal primarily with financial matters pertaining to its department.

The educational features pertaining to the School Department may best be summed in the report of the Superintendent together with the reports of the several department heads, including all data which is made a component part of the Committee's report.

NOAH TORREY SCHOOL

The Committee plans to take over the new grade school on April first. It will be known as the Noah Torrey Primary School, and will care for second, third, fourth, and fifth grade pupils. The relief afforded by the use of this building is greatly appreciated by the Committee, as it is thereby enabled to lay out an effective and satisfactory school program in conjunction with the Noah Torrey Grammar as well as the Pond School. The classroom now conducted in Hobart's Block will be discontinued at the close of the present school year. The portables in the Noah Torrey yard will also be discontinued beginning April first. However, it will be necessary to make some use of them upon the opening of the next school year, pending the availability of the Monatiquot School for grade purposes in September 1927.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL

The School Building Committee has submitted to the School Committe a complete set of plans for the New High School. We have studied these plans and find that they provide for properly caring for 500 pupils based on our present High School Curriculum, but allow for no growth. This Committee desired to point out to the citizens, in its judgment based on facts, that when the Building is opened in September, 1927, the numbers to be cared for will equal 500 and possibly more. We, therefore, feet it wise and good business judgement to now add during its construction the wing provided for in the plans.

PENNIMAN SCHOOL

The situation at this school as regards housing is such that the Committee recommends the addition of six regular classrooms thus establishing a ten room unit. The following facts represent the conditions at present existing at this school.

January 11, 1926.		September 1926.	
Kindergarten	23	25	Probably
Grade I	23	32	
Grade II	32	23	
Grade III	22	} One teacher {	32
Grade IV	24		22
*Grade V	26		22
*Grade VI	27		26
Grade VII	28	} One Teacher {	27
Grade VIII	17		28

*These two classes occupy improvised rooms in the assembly hall.

An examination of Grade III and Grade IV probable enrolment for September 1926, and also of

Grade VII and Grade VIII show that the condition will be almost if not quite impossible. The situation will no doubt oblige the Committee to establish half time for some grades if additional accommodations are not available in September. To carry out an efficient half time schedule the services of three additional teachers will be required in order that such pupils affected may lose the least part of the required number of school hours.

The construction and development taking place in the neighborhood accommodated by this building suggests that the number of children likely to seek enrolment will be increased. At present approximately 80 % of the attendants reside within a radius of one half mile of the building.

The Committee believe that in the establishing of a ten room unit there should be provided an assembly hall of sufficient seating capacity to properly accommodate such unit. The educational advantages derived therefrom are manifold, offering as it does opportunity for group instruction in many subjects, a suitable place wherein to conduct its graduation exercises, and a place for the convenient assembly of the community for educational, social, and recreational activities.

SCHOOL SITES

The Committee is pleased that the Town at its last annual meeting sanctioned the appointment of a committee to bring in a report of a method for, and cost of, acquiring additional land and sites for grade school purposes. The School Committee has informally discussed this subject matter with the Special Committee and it is expected they will recommend to the town a suitable and wise program to follow relative thereto.

TRANSPORTATION

The Committee in order to more properly care for the transportation of school pupils employed the services of two busses from the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company. They care for both high and grade pupils, and the program adopted has worked out very satisfactorily, providing as it does a safe, convenient, and reliable method of transportation.

FENCING SCHOOL PROPERTY

One of the fundamental duties entrusted to all school committees is the safety of the child. There is nothing with which school authorities can concern themselves more precious than this, nor of graver import. The child's life and the child's safety must first be protected, all else is of secondary importance. And to do this, as far as school authorities can control, it is necessary to properly protect school grounds.

The ever increasing traffic problem is, or ought to be, of grave concern to all school boards who have jurisdiction over buildings facing or boarding on heavily traversed highways. The Town of Braintree has several schools adjacent to such highways, and they should, as a measure of safety to the children attending them, be properly fenced. While it is true that state laws are usually drawn in a manner to absolve school boards from liability for injuries in and about the school grounds, it is also a fact that courts are increasingly holding boards of education liable on the theory that it is essential that every possible precaution be taken to safe guard the physical welfare of the children against their possible injury. The Committee, therefore, places itself on record as favoring a progressive program to effectually carry out the object herein expressed.

FINANCIAL

Expenditure 1925	Budget 1926	Increase
\$ 6,871.72 General Control	\$ 7,185.00	\$ 313.28
138,990.50 Teachers' Salaries	156,612.50	17,622.00
12,637.98 Text Books and Supplies	12,000.00	
		No. Increase*
18,799.82 Operating	21,225.00	2,425.18
15,129.44 Maintenance	16,794.68	1,665.24
..11,915.14 Auxiliary	14,980.00	3,064.86
1,778.08 Outlay	2,000.00	221.92
<hr/> \$206,122.68	<hr/> \$230,797.18	<hr/> \$25,312.48
21,359.20 Actual Credits	*Deduct	637.98
<hr/> \$184,763.48 Net		<hr/> \$24,674.50
	Estimated Credits	21,000.00
		<hr/> \$3,674.50
	Net Increase	

EXPLANATION OF INCREASE

General Control:

Covers contract for Superintendent, Clerk increased telephone rates, additional telephone in new building, printing, office forms and supplies, and Superintendent's expenses.

Teachers' Salaries:

(Covers 8 principals, 60 grade teachers, 18 high teachers, 2 continuation school teachers, 6 special teachers, 3 evening teachers, total 97.)

Present Contract	\$148,922.50
1925 Expenditures	138,990.50

Present contracts excess over 1925 expenditures	\$ 9,932.00
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Salary Increases	2,520.00
Increase in personnel on account of new building and physical director	4,570.00
Sick leave	600.00
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	\$ 17,622.00

The item of \$9,932.00 is the remaining part of the basic appropriation made at the last annual town meeting, covering increase in teachers salaries as well as increase in personnel of department. The item of present salary increase is only a normal one to care for certain increases to teachers whose excellent services merit financial consideration. The Committee does not contemplate any general salary increase this year. The Noah Torrey Primary School will require the services of five additional teachers. The Committee is very desirous of adding a physical director to its department, in accordance with State Regulations requiring such. The item for sick leave covers agreement already existing between teachers and the Committee, and for purposes used is fair and just.

Text Books and Supplies: This item covers \$4,500.00 for text books and \$7,500.00 for supplies for high, the department will have one more building to provide grade and continuation schools. Considering the fact the department will have one more building to provide for the amount is not excessive.

Operating: The increase is occasioned by the engagement of a new janitor for the Noah Torrey School; increased quantity and cost of fuel, as well as janitors supplies.

Maintainance: The Committee feels that to properly maintain the school plant and equipment, the valuation of which is conservately estimated at \$839,734.00, there should be appropriated each year 1½ to 2% of

said sum for upkeep. The sum named in the Budget is 2%, which includes salary and expenses of repair man (\$2,150.00).

Auxiliary: Covers increase in school health department, transportation, high school clerk, including high and grade school graduation expenses.

Outlay: This item covers cost of any and all new equipment and for a department of our size which is continually growing, the sum is not at all excessive.

The answer why pupils educational costs are continually increasing is due to the fact that schools are today doing more than formerly, and for a greatly increased number of pupils, and that the increased service in educational facilities are being paid for with dollars that have a purchasing power of only about 60 cents as compared with 100 cents in 1914.

The Committee appreciates the splendid spirit and loyalty manifested on the part of its Superintendent and his able corps of instructors in their endeavors to keep and improve the high standing of our schools.

The Citizens attention is called to the Committee's regular meeting dates, the second Monday in every month. Suggestions and constructive criticism are most welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

C. FREDERICK TARBOX,
CARRIE F. LORING,
ALIDA N. STEVENS,
FRANKLIN H. MERRIAM,
RALPH B. WOODSUM,
HENRY D. HIGGINS,

School Committee.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

January 2, 1926.

To the School Committee: I herewith present Superintendent of School's report for the year 1925 with the usual other reports in this department.

During the year there has been an effort in many ways to improve the quality and quantity of work done in the class room, and our efforts have been directed along many different lines with very satisfactory results. Systematic effort along the lines of testing pupils with standardized tests has been stimulating, not alone to the pupils, but also to the teachers, and it will not be long before we shall have accumulated data of great value not only in the determination of each individual pupil's accomplishments, but also his capabilities. In April the Stanford Achievement Tests were given all children in grades V to VIII inclusive: in December tests were given in arithmetic to grades V, VI, and VII, and also the Multi-Mental Scale Tests, prepared by Professor William A. McCall of Teachers' College, Columbia University, were given in grades III to VIII inclusive. The results are now available for use in making a careful analysis of the capabilities and needs of each individual child, which is being done as fast as time will permit, for with the three cards, the Life Card, the Physical Education Record Card, and the Educational Measurement Card, a sufficient amount of information is presented and so far independent of mere opinion that a sufficient amount of data is now available to make possible, probably, much more effective expenditure of time and effort by our teachers.

The three special teachers who are working with our retarded pupils have produced results beyond our greatest hopes, and to enumerate specific cases of improved work by children, of change of attitude toward school work, of children who have resumed their places in regular classes, and who are doing better than average work, would be most interesting I am sure, but this is not the proper place for such information. I can merely say here that the facts are true, and, furthermore, the regular classes have improved also because of the work of these special teachers. I am sure there is no teacher or group of teachers but what would welcome the day when every building could have its special teacher instead of as now having the special teacher's time divided between two or three buildings.

Regular attendance of pupils has improved to considerable degree, and this in no small measure, especially in the High School, is due to the extension and improvement of transportation facilities which have proven most satisfactory. Improved regularity of attendance must necessarily cause improvement in the school work done.

All of our schools, except the South and South West, now have electric lights which also means improved school work, for previously there were many days when rooms were so dark that it made impossible the regular school work being done, not only in quantity but as well in quality.

The Dental Clinic as conducted by the Friendly Aid Association is another factor which must have an influence for better health and comfort and their influence is great. How can a child study with a toothache? Prevention is better than cure, and if in the first five or six years of public school life a child can be taught through this clinic and his school work, to

take care of his teeth and prevent decay by cleaning, a valuable lesson has been taught. I believe little appreciation of the magnitude of the work being done is known. During the school year of 1924-25 there were 1186 children given attention, 692 cleanings, 272 extractions, 608 fillings, and 4 abscesses treated.

The department had but twelve resignations which is the smallest number we have ever had: one from the continuation school, two from the high school, and nine from the grades of which four were because of marriage, and one for the purpose of returning to normal school for further study and professional advancement. Many of our teachers are pursuing their studies at various educational institutions on Saturdays, during the summer, and at other times, as well as by university extension courses. This indicates a high degree of professional spirit and pride among our teachers which must have its effect on the quality and quantity of work done in our schools. Many of our teachers are working for degrees and even advanced degrees and some have already obtained them.

Because of the introduction of special work for retarded children and the growth in the system, although we had but twelve resignations, the department was under the necessity of selecting eighteen new teachers, all of whom have most effectively taken up their work with us.

A careful study of the years of service in this town, and of years of experience in teaching is suggestive of an exceptionally high degree of ability in our teaching force as a whole and is, I believe, a rather noticeable fact because of its being so much better than is found in most communities. Over 47% of our teachers have taught in this town more than three years with an average term of over 12 years, and al-

most 88% of our teachers have had more than three years of experience with an average of 12 years of experience. Ten of the 18 teachers new to our force this year came to us from teaching positions outside of this State which is a most desirable condition, for it means introduction of ideas from other states and no "in breeding." These conditions mean that stagnation is less likely to exist, and the dangers of a self-satisfied attitude will be avoided.

The innovation of evening classes for dressmaking and millinery was started this fall, and the enrolment for this work was way in excess of my expectations. It was necessary to organize nine classes instead of four as was planned. There are six dressmaking classes: three classes Monday, Wednesday, and Friday nights being conducted in the one room portable at the High School, and three classes Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons being conducted in the continuation school room, which is in the basement of the Hollis Schol. There are three millinery classes, Tuesday afternoon, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings being conducted in the one room portable at the High School.

The action of the Town at the last annual town meeting in taking favorable action relative to the building of a new grade school building and a high school building makes the future look much brighter, for these buildings will make possible much more effective work, as the unreasonably large classes can be avoided, especially when the Monatiquot School becomes available for grade use. A high school building is surely much needed, and will undoubtedly be the cause of many a boy and girl deciding to continue his or her education through the secondary school period. The grade school building is fast nearing completion and plans are made to make use of it as soon as it may be ready.

According to the statistical report of the State Department of Education, Braintree ranks 258 in its expenditure per pupil of \$76.20. Since there are 355 school systems in the State one sees from this that there are but 97 systems paying less per pupil than Braintree. In our group of Towns, numbering 74, we rank 44 in our expenditure per pupil, and the average for all the towns in this group is \$80.19 against our \$76.20.

House Bill Number 103 before the Legislature at this session is something which should be called to your attention, for its passage will necessitate serious consideration and some action by the Town. This bill, briefly stated, substitutes half time school attendance for those boys and girls who now are obliged to attend the continuation school four hours a week.

In concluding this report I would call your attention to the customary reports following and express my appreciation for your hearty support. The teachers of Braintree should receive in great measure whatever of credit there may be for the creditable work in our schools, and I wish to publicly extend to every one in the School Department my most sincere appreciation of the fine spirit shown and the hearty good will existing.

Respectfully submitted,

C. EDWARD FISHER.

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

January 2, 1926.

Mr. C. Edward Fisher, Superintendent of Schools,
Braintree, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir: Herewith is submitted the High School report for the year 1925.

Our registration to date for the present school year is 409. It is divided as follows:

Post-Graduates	3
Seniors	75
Juniors	86
Sophomores	122
Freshmen	123

Attention is called to a few interesting points in this registration. The sophomore class is practically equal in numbers to the freshman class, which is smaller than for several years, due to the small number of eighth grade graduates last June. The senior class is the largest in the history of the school, as is the above-mentioned sophomore class, while the junior class is slightly smaller than last year. Last June's graduating class of 61 was greater by ten than the previous one. Present eighth grade conditions would indicate a marked increase in the total registration next September.

The attendance to date has been very satisfactory. For the school year of 1924-1925 the percentage of attendance was exactly 94%. For the first four months of the present year it is 96.7%. No doubt several factors enter into this increase, but I feel that it is due

in a large measure to the new transportation system which went into effect in September, whereby pupils living at a distance of two miles or more receive free transportation for all or a part of the distance. At the present time about eighty pupils are being carried in Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway busses, and about fifty more by trolley. I would recommend that a third bus be provided for the trolley pupils as soon as possible. Not only would it give better service, but would, I believe, be more economical for the town.

During the past year our teaching force has undergone less change than for several years. Two teachers only resigned at the close of school in June. One additional teacher was hired for this year. This was occasioned by the marked change from the commercial course to the college preparatory course. I am glad to report that several of our high school teachers are taking afternoon, evening, or Saturday courses for teachers in the various institutions in Boston.

Last May we received from the secretary of the New England College Certificate Board notice that we had been placed, for a period of two years, on the list of high schools fully approved for entrance to the colleges represented on that Board. Previous to that time we had had for several years the so-called "Specimen Privilege", whereby we were allowed to send pupils on trial, and the recent action whereby we received classification on the approval list came as a result of the work of the pupils who have been sent from Braintree High School during the specimen privilege period.

Within the past few months a considerable number of very useful and valuable reference books have been added to the school equipment, particularly along the lines of science and history. Since our library has

to be used five of the six periods of the day for classes and for a home room, it has been thought desirable to place these books in the class rooms where they are most used, rather than in the library. Recently the long-desired set of New International Encyclopedias has been purchased. This set of twenty-five volumes is thoroughly up to date, and is sure to prove a most useful part of our equipment, particularly for the work in the English classes.

The installation of lights in the corridors and all classrooms has met a long-felt want and is much appreciated by both teachers and pupils. The building as a whole is in good condition, but the grounds are in need of attention. The driveway is badly in need of grading. It would greatly improve the surroundings if the vacant lot in the rear could be cleared of bushes and rocks. The space between the main building and the portable should be raised so that water will not stay there after a rain. Conditions are especially bad there in the winter, when the ground is frozen and water cannot soak in, for at that time puddles form to a depth of several inches.

Our athletics continue to occupy their proper position among the school activities,—namely a useful part of our extra-curricula work. In spite of the almost universal complaint that athletics are over-emphasized among the schools and colleges, I feel that we can truthfully say that such is not the situation in Braintree High School, for although they are recognized as worth while, yet they are only justifiable so long as they are second to academic work. Strict eligibility rules are maintained as one requirement for participation in athletics. This applies to both boys' and girls' teams. Our baseball team last spring had a very successful season. The football team, made up of practically all new material, lost most of its games,

yet was a success in spite of its defeats. There is to be no school basketball team for the boys this winter, but an extended class series will be played, thus giving a greater number of boys the benefit of the sport. The girls will have class teams, and in addition a school team which will play through a limited schedule. For the first time in the history of the school the girls had a field hockey team during the fall and made a very good showing.

Among other extra-curricula activities debating has rightly won a prominent place and is rapidly becoming very popular. Two of a series of debates have been held and others have been planned. Arrangements are being made for debates with other schools, as well as among the members of the debating club.

The orchestra has awakened considerable interest among the pupils. There are today about thirty actively engaged in this work. Since the opening of school in September a bass viol has been purchased for the school from the Musical Instrument Fund, the amount to be repaid later by the school. This has added much to the pleasing effect of the orchestra. During the past year they have played at various public gatherings and have attracted much favorable comment.

The school paper has been improved and enlarged upon. The four regular issues each year give opportunity not only for literary expression on the part of the pupils, but also for exercise of business ability and management in financing the paper. It is among the very best which we have had the opportunity to examine.

I have at various times called attention to the need of regularity of attendance, and the importance of home study, but I believe I am justified in again

calling attention to these two points. No pupil can be expected to do good work in high school without the expenditure of a considerable amount of time upon his school work outside of school hours, and a definite period of the day should be set aside for study. In connection with regularity of attendance I wish to express my belief that the no-school signal should not be operative so far as the high school is concerned. We need all the time allowed by the regular school year in order to accomplish our work with any degree of satisfaction. Of course there will be days, so stormy, on which it is best for pupils living at a distance from the school and from any transportation line to remain at home. The decision in such a case, in my opinion, should be in the hands of the parents. All pupils, however, should be equipped with proper clothing, such as rain coats, umbrellas, rubber boots, rubbers, overshoes, ect. so that they can attend in ordinarily stormy weather without danger of getting wet and having to sit in that condition for several hours. A single day's interruption in the work, particularly in the middle of the week, is a big handicap. Moreover, it is costing in teachers' salaries and other operating expenses a considerable amount each day, regardless of whether schools are open or not, and the town is entitled to get some return for every dollar spent. Even on the most stormy days, when considerable numbers of pupils might be kept at home by their parents, valuable work can be done with the smaller classes, especially in the nature of review and individual help for the pupils who may be having difficulties.

It has been pointed out in previous reports that we do not always get from parents the co-operation which we have the right to expect. An example of this is shown by the following: Early in the school year special notices relative to the time of issuance of

report cards, need for home study, etc., were sent to all parents and guardians of high school pupils. One of the cards required a signature, and to insure their return a self-addressed and stamped envelope was inclosed. In spite of this, and although only a negligible amount of time would be required in which to sign, seal and post the card, many parents failed to return them, and to date, even after a second request was sent through the pupils, over twenty of these cards are still missing. Failures are bound to occur in many occasions, for not all who enter high school are fitted to succeed, but parents can help us materially in decreasing the number of failures by co-operating with us in seeing that their children attend school regularly and do their home work promptly. Personal visits on the part of the parents are always welcome, and are solicited. Many times we can give information first hand much better than through the regular reports, and it is also true that the parents can give us information about their children which is valuable in helping us to a proper understanding of our pupils, their needs and capabilities. Conferences between classroom teachers and parents are always worth while.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES L. JORDAN.

REPORT OF CONTINUATION SCHOOL

January 2, 1926.

Mr. C. Edward Fisher, Superintendent of Schools,
Braintree, Mass.

Dear Sir: I herewith submit my fourth annual report of the Boys' Department of the Braintree Continuation School.

The enrolment to date beginning September 9, 1925, is 56. This is the smallest enrolment I have had in the past four years.

The continuation school enrolment reflects the business conditions in the local industries, the falling off in the enrolment has been caused by fewer locally employed non-resident minors, while the register shows an increase in the employment of local minors.

In woodworking we have made many radio cabinets, repaired and refinished many pieces of furniture for outside customers.

Part of each school day is spent in the discussion of live topics of the day, personal hygiene, and civics. Our aim is to make better, happier, and more resourceful citizens of the boys and girls who do not complete a high school education.

Respectfully Submitted,

RICHARD W. JOHNSON.

REPORT OF CONTINUATION SCHOOL

January 2, 1926.

Mr. C. Edward Fisher, Superintendent of Schools
Braintree Massachusetts.

Dear Sir: I herewith submit my report for the Girls' Department of the Braintree Continuation School..

The classes began in September with a total enrolment of 72. The girls, for the most part, are regular in attendance and seem interested in the work and eager to learn.

With the assistance of the citizens of Braintree who furnished material and jars, we were able to do a great deal of canning. This work included jelley, conserves, relishes, and grape juice, as well as the whole fruits and vegetables. Other work in cooking comprises the planning and cooking of practical meals which are served to the Hollis School teachers at cost.

The work in sewing is practical and suited to the needs of the girls. We have completed simple undergarments and have drafted patterns for nightgowns kimonos, bungalow aprons, and simple cotton dresses. At Christmas time we made various attractive Christmas gifts, which included ribbon flowers. We are to make satin hats in the spring.

In the academic work we study English, Hygiene, and Civics in order to lay a foundation for healthier homes and happy, thrifty citizens. The entire work is of a most practical, directly useful and general improvement nature.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH P. COBB.

REPORT OF ART INSTRUCTOR

January 2, 1926.

Mr. C. Edward Fisher, Superintendent of Schools,
Braintree, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir: I herewith submit my annual report of the art work in the Braintree Schools.

In my report last year I called attention to the new sets of graded art books, for the use of the teachers, that illustrated and explained the problems to be taught during the year.

This year there has been prepared and we are using a more complete and careful outline, or course of study, to go with these books. It covers the work from the beginning of school in September through the close of school in June. In it is given the month, lesson, (one or two as it may be) the correct drawing book, the page on which to find the problem, and material needed. Two lessons are planned for each week in all grades. This has been a great help in keeping the same grades, though in different parts of the town, working on similar lessons. Also there is the opportunity for the teachers to glance at the advance lesson. I wish it were more convenient to further explain these outlines at meetings, especially for the help it might give.

There has been much interest shown this year for the Christmas work. New and different problems have been suggested. They were useful as well as artistic.

I wish to thank the teachers for their help and interest in my work at this Christmas season. Much time and thought must have been needed to complete the work, as the school time was so short between the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

At the High School we are using two new free-hand drawing books. One for first and second year pupils, the other for advance pupils. The problems are arranged in groups, they progress, are well illustrated, and the text is very clear and concise. I think the Freshmen show their appreciation and have responded more quickly than in other years to the necessity of direct, accurate, and carefully planned papers.

The use of these books by part of the drawing class allows me more time and attention for the me-

chanical drawing: The beginners needing the most help. A text book would be most convenient, but I have not yet found one exactly suitable for our class room use. Usually the problems with dimensions are placed on the blackboard for the pupils to copy. Later they must work out part of a problem alone, then they work from a perspective view, next the most skillful may use the special sets of mechanical drawing instruments. These sets are new this year and the desire to use them has inspired more than one paper to "go over the top."

Gradually I wish to get more art in our lessons. Drawing seems to end with the training of the eye and hand, while art includes taste originality, constructive ability, and an understanding of color and design. An understanding of the principles of good taste is needed by everyone. Our future town officials need their taste developed if they are to spend our money wisely. An interior painter whose eye for color is untrained can spoil a house. A buyer without taste can spoil a business. A dressmaker without taste can spoil a dress. A manufacturer that turns out goods without well balanced design cannot hope to compete with Europe (where art is considered as a foundation for all work) in selling them. Art must have a place in every life, a part in every piece of work.

In closing my report, I thank all the members of the School Department for their helpful co-operation in making my work most pleasant.

Respectfully submitted

ATHALIE HOBELL.

REPORT OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC INSTRUCTOR

January 2, 1926.

Mr C. Edward Fisher, Superintendant of Schools,
Braintree, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir: The standard of music developed in the department of instrumental music has attained a degree of progress well in advance of last year.

This is due in no small measure to the recognition and impetus given the work of both vocal and instrumental music in the Public Exhibition and Concert by the various schools in the Town Hall last year during Education Week.

The proceeds derived therefrom, together with several donations from public-spirited individuals interested in instrumental music in our schools, enable many pupils to avail themselves of various musical instruments necessary to the personnel of the orchestra.

Each school now possesses a school orchestra, in addition to the classes of beginners and advanced players. To learn, know, and love the best in good music is a means whereby the child is enabled through his own ability and performance to reach the goal and ultimate aim of musical education—"The Appreciation of Music." To this end his own efforts and educational advantages serve not only as a pleasure for himself alone, but as a credit and asset among those with whom he is socially surrounded and a source of pride in his community.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks and grateful appreciation to the principals and teachers to whom

much is due for their especial interest and sympathetic efforts in making the results of this department a success.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK W. J. LEWIS.

REPORT OF VOCAL MUSIC INSTRUCTOR

January 2, 1926.

Mr. C. Edward Fisher, Superintendent of Schools,
Braintree, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir: I herewith submit my annual report of vocal music in the Braintree Schools.

Music is a vital need in the educational system of today. In this age with its slogans of efficiency and salesmanship ideas, marked by an imposing sign of the dollar and its huge pile of profits, a strong force is needed to lift the baleful influence of mere commercialism and the sordid effects of the industrial commonplace, and to stimulate a greater reverence for, and a contemplation of, the moral and spiritual influence of life.

Therefore the schools train not only for efficiency but for a liberal culture as well, the means for awakening and ministering to all the higher instincts.

Music is one of the chief educational factors in developing spiritual qualities, the best medium for awakening and developing emotions to a keener sense of beauty. "Man cannot live by bread alone." Beauty is as essential to living as bread, and we need the inspiring uplifting influence of beautiful music to save us from death in the dust and din of trade.

Good singing during childhood constitutes the best possible foundation for any future music study in which either the amateur or professional musician may engage. Singing is the natural heritage of childhood, and the human voice is the universal musical instrument and my experience teaches me by daily observation that nearly one hundred percent of the children in normal physical condition can eventually enjoy singing. And right here I wish to mention the splendid results of the kindergarten and first grade teachers in training the non-singing pupils. In many of the first grade classes every child could sing correctly in concert as early as November.

Song-singing is the most important phase of the vocal work. About one third of the time is devoted to singing songs that have been correctly learned, merely for the sake of the aesthetic satisfaction that comes from taking part in the reaction of beauty. There is no way of adequately estimating its value to the opening exercises or the assembly gathering where it begins the day's work with an inspiring song. Nor is there an adequate way of expressing its value at the dull, trying, depressing, heavy period where the atmosphere is charged and when trouble threatens. Mass singing always clears the atmosphere and puts the student in the attitude for work.

The enthusiasm, the tone quality, and the interpretation manifested in the song work from the kindergarten throughout all the schools is very interesting and of a high standard. I recall several instances where boys and girls in the eighth grade volunteer to sing in duet and quartet before the entire school for special programs. And during the adolescent age it is usually difficult for all pupils to express themselves, especially boys, in singing.

Music reading is by far the most difficult problem in vocal music. In order to read music intelligently one must keep in mind the key signature; must take in at a glance groups of notes standing for definite pitches; must note the shape of each note so as to give each note its correct time value; and must observe the measure sign and the bass so as to accent correctly. Moreover, he must do all these things at a fixed rate of speed, with no faltering, no retarding, and no stopping, because of complications which may unexpectedly present themselves. In addition, sing the words with correct pronunciation, and follow the various marks of expression that call for change of speed, power etc. Truly a process of great complexity; and ex-president Eliot of Harvard College may well be cited as saying that music is "the best mind trainer on the list."

In order to do these several things at the same time, training on separate elements of the process is found necessary. First the rote singing in the kindergarten and first two grades stores the mind of the pupil with a rich stock of musical experiences and gives him some vocal ability. In this way the mind registers whole series of experiences involving pitch, time, rhythm, etc., and although these things are not analyzed or even consciously observed by the child, they nevertheless form the background of musical experience which is not only desirable, but absolutely indispensable, if the pupil is to become interested in his later work and intelligent in doing it.

In the second grade the child is first introduced to staff notation by being shown "pictures" of songs previously learned by rote (songs taught in the first grade are duplicated in the second grade text book) and taught to recognize music symbols in these familiar songs. This pattern song method makes an easy step from rote to note. After several familiar songs

have been sung with syllables, new songs are attempted. It is desirable for many reasons to learn the different characteristics from genuine songs rather than in abstract exercises. Features embodied in the songs are confirmed by drill, individual singing, written and oral dictation, but no problem in the theory of music is taught until it is discovered in the songs. Through this same song process a few new problems in sight reading are added in each grade.

The new text books, Music Education Series, are going to help realize this new song method in the Braintree Schools. These text books do away with the old time steady upward climb in music study, due to too rapidly accumulating difficulties in music reading. Enough music material is supplied in which technical features are introduced, one at a time and with restraint, so as to allow the child to proceed confidently on one level until he is thoroughly prepared for the next higher level of music study, which he reaches with the assurance and satisfaction that result from the joy of achievement.

A report on the success of this method in the Braintree Schools will hardly be possible until the books have been in use in all the schools at least a year. Last year only a few classes were equipped with the Music Education Series. With the new year, 1926, we begin with these text books in every school in town.

With the coming of the radio the demands for music appreciation are greater than ever before. To find enjoyment in the reception of broadcasting of the world-wide artists an understanding of the best classics is essential. To meet this social need it is important to stress the making of intelligent, creative, and appreciative listeners.

Several of the schools have raised money for the purchase of many fine records which make a splendid start in training appreciative listeners.

The vocal music in the High School includes one period a week in assembly singing for each class, a short period for boys four-part chorus, and a volunteer girls three-part chorus. In the general chorus there is a marked improvement in the tone quality and ability to interpret the spirit of the selections rendered. The students who sing in the special groups show most excellent ability in reading music and I hope that in the near future this standard of sight-reading may be attained in the general chorus.

A creditable performance of the operetta, "Sylvia" was given by the High School with three assisting soloists in April. This gave the school an opportunity to show what a selected group of singers could present in solo, duet, quartet, and chorus singing.

I close my report with an attempt to show how music helps to bring about "social efficiency", a much discussed phrase in Education today. In training the boys and girls to perform in music we help furnish one of the most wholesome means for proper spending of their leisure time. The play time of an individual is quite as important as the work time—sometimes more important so far as its effect on character development is concerned. If a child acquires a love for the best in music and literature while in school he is not likely ever to devote his leisure hours in questionable pleasures and activities that unfit him for work. Where can we develop a stronger team spirit and a more clearly defined group consciousness than in group singing? It is the very symbol of democracy. It is an activity in which each part is essential to effect the whole. And last, music trains for unselfishness, because he who has it must give it away, the more he

gives the more he has. It is another case of finding one's life by losing it, because, after all, it is only what we share with others that we really have.

Respectfully submitted,

INGRID E. EKMAN.

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

January 2, 1926.

Mr. C. Edward Fisher, Superintendent of Schools,
Braintree, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir: I take pleasure in making the following report of the health work carried on in Braintree schools.

After a careful examination of about 2400 school children by the school physicians, it is gratifying to see the response to medical treatment. A great many of the children's defects would have passed unnoticed had it not been for the skillful attention provided by the Board of Education.

All children are weighed and measured twice a year and records kept. Those children who are under ten percent in weight are watched closely and weighed more frequently.

About eighty percent of the school children at the present time are supplied with milk, which science teaches is par-excellence of body builders.

The girls of the eighth grade in the schools are taught mothercraft, which not only enables them to appreciate the responsibility of their sex, but gives them the opportunity of helping to care for the chil-

dren in their own family, and that of others in the betterment of health principles.

A careful survey by the dental clinic has done much for the improvement of health by the necessary attention which has been given to teeth and proper mouth hygiene.

Visits to homes have been made when necessary, and advice given where the necessity of medical attention seemed wanting.

Talks on health have been given in the schools, which I am sure must prove a valuable asset in coordination to the ethics of the principles of education.

Children are watched closely for communicable diseases, and for anything that is found of a suspicious nature, the child is excluded from school.

In closing I wish to thank the school committee, the superintendent of schools, principals and teachers, for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPHINE D. CARSON.

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE OFFICER

January 2, 1926.

Mr. C. Edward Fisher, Superintendent of Schools,
Braintree, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir: I hereby submit my report as Attendance Officer for the year ending December 31, 1925.

I have worked in conjunction with the State Board of Labor and Industry, also the Friendly Aid Association, and the School Nurse.

I have investigated 773 cases as reported to me and found pupils absent for the following reasons:—

Sickness	143
Truancy	89
Lack of clothing, shoes, etc.	28
Kept out by parents	132
Found on street and taken to school	47
Left School	9
Non-registration (new pupils placed in school)	6
Found on street and taken home	23
Left town	14
Employment cards	12
Tardy	34
Factories and stores visited	18
Found at home and taken to school	58
Department of Immigration cases investigated	0
Destroying and loss of school property	5
Disturbances at school and on streets	4
Home employment cards granted	13
Taken to Court	0
Sent to Wrentham School	0
Reported to Friendly Aid	24
Reported to School Nurse	12
Boys placed under my charge by parents	14
From farm to schools (under 14 years)	21
Evening calls on parents	67

I have investigated all cases of the schools including the Continuation School and the High School, in the interest of parents, superintendent of schools, and at all times having in mind the welfare of the Town in general.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. HANNAFORD,

Attendance Officer.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF THE BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL

Town Hall, Wednesday evening, June 17, 1925,
at Eight P.M.

Order of Exercises

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| March, "With the Colors" | Panella |
| High School Orchestra | |
| Song, "Spring Song" | F. Mendelsohn |
| School Chorus | |
| Salutatory Essay, "The Influence of the Modern Newspaper" | |
| Andrew Brink | |
| Essay, "Women and Work" | |
| Gertrude Moline | |
| Essay, "The First Lady of the Land" | |
| Thelma MacKenzie | |
| Selection, "Liselotte" | Adam |
| High School Orchestra | |
| Presentation of Philergian Essay Prize | |
| Mrs. H. A. Bryant, President of the Philergians | |
| Essay, "Essential Developments in Education" | |
| Elizabeth Bruce | |
| Song, "Forget-Me-Not" | P. Gieze |
| School Chorus | |
| Award of Scholarship Prizes | |
| Mr. Otis B. Oakman | |
| Treasurer of Braintree School Fund | |

Essay, "Massachusetts—A Beehive of Enterprise"

Marjorie Smith

Valedictory Essay, "Uncrowned Heroes"

Rose Spera

Presentation of French Medals and Diplomas

Mr. C. Frederick Tarbox, Chairman of the School Com.

Class Song

Words by Helen Murphy

MEMBERS OF CLASS

Rose Clara Spera	Dorothy Constance Johnson
Andrew Brink	Harmena Karagozian
Gertrude Marie Moline	George Aloysius LeSage
Thelma Christina MacKenzie	Anna Frances Lynch
Elizabeth Bruce	Erwin Wallace MacDonald
Marjorie Ella Smith	Henry James McCusker
Ellen Kristina Anderson	Thomas Francis Mealey
Eloise Gardiner Bartlett	Marie Lenore Morse
James Fisher Beckwith	Marion Gladys Morton
Fred Peter Bregoli	Alice Barbara Mosher
Dorothy Louise Buker	Lois Bryant Moulton
Mildred Louis Caru	Helen Isabel Murphy
Catherine Elizabeth Church	Henry Russell Murray
Forrest Elliott Coe	Doris Helen O'Brien
Mary Mildred Creeden	Kenneth Alden Randall
Dorothy Louise Cunniff	John George Rawcliffe
Donald Anson Damon	Theola Adele Reader
Barbara Josephine Davis	Ellen Mary Reardon
Fred August Dosenberg	Gilbert Hood Reed
Edward Francis Dwyer	Jeanette Clara Rideout
Paul Christian Feldman	Helen Ruth Ronnquist
James Louis Finnegan	Helen Theodora Schaffer
William Gavin	Irene Mary St. Lawrence
Pearl Laura Gates	Grace Myrtle Smith
Nelson Andrew Haviland	Robert Michael Sullivan
Charles Robert Hall	Eleanor Arnold Torrey
Mary Frances Hayden	Dorothy Winifred Trott
Frank Lawrence Heaney	Mary Catherine Walsh
Dorothy Darton Heazle	Albert Edward Wynot
Gertrude Barbara Hennebury	William Young
Gordon Leon Forest Belyea	

CLASS OFFICERS

Gilbert Reed, President Helen Murphy, Vice-Pres.
 Elizabeth Bruce, Secretary Andrew Brink, Treasurer
 French Medal Winners
 Rose Spera Gertrude Moline
 Thelma MacKenzie

PHILERGIAN ESSAY PRIZE WINNER

James Beckwith

CLASS FLOWER

Carnation

CLASS MOTTO

"Nulla dies sine facto"

First six names are arranged according to rank.

The following is a list of all the grammar school graduates in the Town of Braintree, June 16, and 18, 1925.

 HOLLIS SCHOOL

Helen Willard Arnold
 Arthur Howland Baker *
 Dorothy Avice Belyea
 Charles Maurice Bennett
 George William Brink
 Ethel Dade Chrystie
 John Henry Cummings
 Doris Lucille Darby
 Meredith Maude Davis *
 William Dexter Dyer
 Austin Merritt Greeley
 Myrtle Rae Grohe
 Dorothy Hastings
 Alice Marie Heffernan
 Lois Margaret Hollis

Phyllis Frances Horsman
 Harold Watson Johnson
 Alice Mary Lynch
 Marion Louise McDormand
 Joseph Clayton McKeough
 Walter James Morcom
 Virginia Frances Nye
 Mary Thorning Pierce *
 Florence Prudence Potter
 Edward Marsden Rawson
 Margaret Louise Reardon
 Ella Elizabeth Trott
 Emily Josephine Trott
 Marion Eleanor Wynott
 *French Medal Pupils.

JONAS PERKINS SCHOOL

Edgar Harrison Bowles, Jr.	William Miller
Amelia Carrie Beauregard	Euphemia Morrison
Mary Elizabeth Buker	Pauline Bernice Moore
John Henry Conroy	Edith Conlan Payne
Meta Davidson	Henry Edward Peterson
Robert Lebaron Ellis	Richard Eldridge Randall
Catherine Susan Gurney *	Irene Hawthorne Reed
Joseph Haley	Eleanor May Stewart
Florence Hardy	Lillian Grace Tarbox
Roy Johnson	Arlene Tardif *
Frank Thomas Julian	Everett Parker Wynot
Lawrence Edwin Leahy *	*French Medal Pupils
Henry James McCusker	

THOMAS A. WATSON SCHOOL

Madeline Agatha Boudreau	Kenneth Walter Lunan
Emily Mae Burgess	George Carl Mencke, Jr. *
Francis Joseph Coleman *	Florence Louise Pratt
Doris Olivia Collier	Ruth Elizabeth Smith
Alfred Osgood Fitch	Arthur Edwin Stenberg
Ruth Estelle Fogg	Edna May Walsh
Hans Hagen, Jr.	Annie Lorraine Whitehouse
Ruth Agnes Hennebury	*French Medal Pupils.
Nan Arnold Keast *	

PENNIMAN SCHOOL

Myrtle Frances Atwood	Marjorie Louise Parker *
James Weyth Brown	Ruth Elizabeth Ross
Chester Oliver Ellis *	Sylvia Eileen Shippee
Elizabeth Florence Evans	Elizabeth Miller Steele
Lucia Irene Howes	Muriel Woodman
Laura Bessie MacDonald	*French Medal Pupils.

NOAH TORREY SCHOOL

Charles F. Abell	Rena M. G. Bendinelli
Elbridge A. Allen	Elmer S. Blake
Albert Avitable	Olive M. Breen
Mary Babaian	Frances T. Butler
Spencer H. Beckwith	Daniel E. Cain

Merriell E. Cain
 Gladys L. Cassidy
 William R. Corrigan
 Francis H. J. Cotter
 Norman C. Cuff
 Anthony D'Acci
 Joseph L. D'Arigo
 Ella P. Downs
 Leroy R. Follett
 John D. Gannon
 Eleanor C. Henshon *
 Evelyn V. Hill
 William J. Knight
 Daniel J. Meaney
 Elizabeth M. Meehan
 Richard M. McGrath

Andrew B. Moline
 Helen F. Morse
 Mary A. O'Rourke
 Ella M. Perkins
 Mary Pino
 Fred E. Rand
 Frances E. Ryan *
 Marjorie L. Tenney
 Doris M. Thompson
 Leona B. Torrey
 John J. Waters
 B. Herbert Woodsum 3rd.
 Angelo P. Zampine
 John J. Zampine
 *French Medal Pupils.

PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATIONS

Hollis School

President, Mr. Clarence A. Murphy, 471 Washington Street, Braintree.

Secretary, Mrs. Cynthia Hurst, 11 Maple Street, Braintree.

Treasurer, Mr. Charles E. Thomas, 20 Wyman Road, Braintree.

Penniman School

President, Mrs. George Arnold, Arnold Lane, Braintree.

Secretary, Miss Eleanor G. Brown, 32 Hollis Avenue, Braintree.

Treasurer, Miss Clara N. M. Holbrook, 185 Middle Street, Braintree.

Noah Torrey School and Pond School

President, Mrs. William W. Dyer, 8 Butler Road, South Braintree.

Secretary, Miss Dorothy Fessenden, 1156 Washington Street, South Braintree.

Treasurer, Mrs. Frederick W. Rowell, 33 Tremont Street, South Braintree.

Jonas Perkins School and Abraham Lincoln School

President, Mrs. D. F. Caskin, 27 Bowdith Street, East Braintree.

Secretary, Mrs. Simon Rideout, 193 Shaw Street East Braintree.

Treasurer, Mrs. C. Frederick Tarbox, 27 Willard Street, East Braintree.

Thomas A. Watson School

President, Mr. Everett Copeland, 37 Ardmore Street East Braintree.

Secretary, Mrs. Newman Page, Trefton Drive, East Braintree.

Treasurer, Mrs. Newman Page, Trefton Drive, East Braintree.

SCHOOL	TEACHER	SERVICE BEGAN	CLASS	MEMBERSHIP '25-12-31
High	James L. Jordan	September 1918	Principal	
High	Thelma C. MacKenzie	September 1925	Clerk	
High	Samuel E. Lawrence	September 1921	Sub-Master, Science	
High	Avis C. Walsh	September 1923	English	
High	Marjory Ames	September 1925	English	
High	Marion L. Billings	September 1924	English and German	
High	Ida Wilsker	September 1924	Latin	
High	Josephine A. Keany	September 1924	French and Spanish	
High	Rosalie E. Knight	September 1925	French and Biology	
High	Ruth M. Malone	September 1922	History	
High	Harriet D. Dunning	September 1923	History and Civics	
High	Katherine K. Waldron	September 1924	Mathematics	
High	Ruth J. Bennett	September 1919	Household Arts	
High	Marion D. Williams	September 1924	Household Arts, Science and Mathematics	
High	Raymond L. Strangford	September 1922	Commercial	
High	Olive M. Avery	September 1923	Commercial	
High	Margaret C. Kirby	September 1923	Commercial	
High	Hazel M. Fitts	September 1923	Commercial	
High	Mildred B. Ahlgren	September 1923	Commercial	
High	Beulah J. Smith	September 1925	Commercial	

MEMBERSHIP DECEMBER 31, 1925.

Post-Graduates	1
Freshmen	109
Sophomores	117
Juniors	81
Seniors	74

Hollis	Elmer E. Ellsworth	September 1924	Principal	
Hollis	Deborah Goldman	September 1922	Grade 8	30
Hollis	Ruth W. Thrasher	September 1924	Grade 7	40
Hollis	Kathryn Kirby	September 1924	Grade 6	35
Hollis	Helen R. Page	September 1925	Grades 5 and 6	16-18
Hollis	Doris G. Norton	November 1921	Grade 5	36
Hollis	Mildred S. Nickerson	September 1913	Grade 4	40
Hollis	Dorothy M. Hatch	September 1925	Grades 3 and 4	9-28
Hollis	Rosalie S. Bayley	September 1899	Grade 3	36
Hollis	Hannah C. Whelan	September 1890	Grade 2	35
Hollis	Anna E. Gorman	September 1924	Grades 1 and 2	18-16
Hollis	Rena E. Hemenway	September 1922	Grade 1	36
Hollis	Ann R. Howard	September 1910	Kindergarten	49

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SCHOOL	TEACHER	SERVICE BEGAN	CLASS	'25-12-31 MEMBERSHIP
Noah Torrey	F. Allan Chapman	September 1918	Principal	
Noah Torrey	Josephine B. Colbert	September 1892	Grade 8	27
Noah Torrey	Gertrude E. Saunders	September 1919	Grade 8	28
Noah Torrey	Margaret MacDonald	September 1925	Grade 7	44
Noah Torrey	Blanche Hinds	December 1924	Grade 7	47
Noah Torrey	Dorothy M. Snierston	September 1924	Grade 6	44
Noah Torrey	Lucy A. Hinsdale	September 1923	Grade 6	45
Noah Torrey	Dorothy Fessenden	September 1921	Grade 5	47
Noah Torrey	Elizabeth G. Rogers	September 1915	Grade 5	41
Noah Torrey	Mildred E. Hutchinson	September 1919	Grade 4	44
Noah Torrey	Margaret E. Perkins	September 1922	Grade 4	42
Noah Torrey	Helen A. Cuff	September 1901	Grade 3	52
Noah Torrey	Grace E. Rowe	September 1924	Grade 3	50
				511
Thomas A. Watson	Charles W. Brooks	September 1916	Principal	
Thomas A. Watson	A. Eugenia Wilbas	September 1922	Grade 8	29
Thomas A. Watson	Ruth I. Clarke	September 1925	Grade 7	43
Thomas A. Watson	Doris Minah	September 1923	Grade 6	33
Thomas A. Watson	Mary T. Madden	September 1923	Grade 5	28

SCHOOL	TEACHER		'25-12-31	
	SERVICE	BEGAN	CLASS	MEMBERSHIP
Thomas A. Watson	Hazel E. Gould	September 1924	Grade 4	36
Thomas A. Watson	Blanche M. Annas	September 1923	Grade 3	35
Thomas A. Watson	Aileen L. Kingsbury	September 1925	Grade 2	29
Thomas A. Watson	Norma R. Brown	September 1922	Grade 1	35
Thomas A. Watson	M. Frances Fobes	September 1920	Kindergarten	25
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Jonas Perkins	Alberto M. Eldridge	September 1918	Principal	25
Jonas Perkins	Alice E. Coffin	September 1925	Grade 8	36
Jonas Perkins	Bertha E. Hinchcliffe	September 1925	Grade 7	47
Jonas Perkins	Nellie E. Bolles	September 1889	Grade 6	31
Jonas Perkins	Ida M. Cromwell	September 1923	Grade 5	32
Jonas Perkins	Irma M. Killian	September 1916	Grade 4	27
Jonas Perkins	Harriet C. Taylor	September 1900	Grade 3	30
Jonas Perkins	Helen C. Dignan	September 1921	Grade 2	33
Jonas Perkins	Marguerite L. Sumner	September 1904	Grade 1	27
Jonas Perkins	Clara G. Colton	September 1924	Kindergarten	
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SCHOOL	TEACHER	SERVICE BEGAN	CLASS	MEMBERSHIP '25-12-31
Penniman	James H. Butler, Jr.	September 1923	Principal	28—17
Penniman	Emma G. Davis	September 1923	Grade 6	26
Penniman	Marcia L. Cook	October 1925	Grade 5	25
Penniman	Eleanor G. Brown	September 1922	Grades 3 and 4	21—22
Penniman	Grace A. Bell	September 1923	Grade 2	32
Penniman	M. Wilma Dixon	October 1925	Grade 1	22
Penniman	Cecilia C. Whelan	September 1916	Kindergarten	23
				216
Abraham Lincoln	Anna V. Galligan	September 1916	Principal	29
Abraham Lincoln	Emily A. Landry	September 1918	Grade 5	24
Abraham Lincoln	Helen M. Linnehan	September 1925	Grade 4	34
Abraham Lincoln	A. Gladys Herring	September 1922	Grade 3	32
Abraham Lincoln	Emma Lally	September 1924	Grade 2	36
Abraham Lincoln	Lorena Young	September 1923	Grade 1	28
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Pond	Claire E. Shay	September 1903	Principal Grade 2	39
Pond	Lucia Plumer	September 1925	Grade 2	40
Pond	Leta M. Weston	September 1909	Grade 1	33
Pond	Cora M. Coffill	September 1918	Grade 1	34
Pond	Harriet M. Hill	September 1893	Kindergarten	40
				186
South West	Clara N. M. Holbrook	September 1909	Principal Grades 1 and 2	22—18
South West	Ethella M. Nichols	September 1916	Kindergarten	19
				59
South	Josephine M. Foster	September 1905	Kindergarten Grades 1 and 2	10 13—6
				29
Continuation	Richard W. Johnson	September 1922	Boys 42, September 1925	
Continuation	Elizabeth P. Cobb	September 1925	Girls 69 September 1925	

Specials	Ingrid E. Ekman	September 1919	Music (Vocal)
Specials	Frederick W. J. Lewis	September 1923	Music (Instrumental)
Specials	Athalie Hobell	September 1921	Drawing
Specials	Josephine D. Carson	September 1924	Nurse
Specials	Roma Bergami	September 1925	Special, Torrey and Pond.
Specials	Bertha L. Jennings	September 1925	Special, Hollis and Penniman
Specials	Alice Crocker	September 1925	Special, Perkins, Watson, and Loncoln.
Physicians	Dr. F. H. Merriam	Torrey, Pond, South, and South West.	
Physicians	Dr. F. H. Gile	High and Hollis.	
Physicians	Dr. H. W. Ripley	Penniman, Lincoln, Perkins, and Watson.	

TEACHERS—SEPTEMBER, 1925.

HIGH SCHOOL

TEACHER	DEPARTMENT	EDUCATION	EXPERIENCE
James L. Jordan	Principal	Bates College	17 years
Thelma C. MacKenzie	Clerk	Braintree High	
Samuel E. Lawrence	Sub-Master, and Science	Rhode Island State	9 years
Avis C. Walsh	English	Wellesley College	3 years
Marjory Ames	English	University of New Hampshire	2 years
Harriet D. Dunning	Civics	Radcliffe College	5 years
Josephine A. Keany	French and Spanish	Boston University	5 years
Ida Wilsker	Latin	Brown University	3 years
Marion L. Billings	German and English	Smith College	5 years
Rosalia E. Knight	French and Biology	Bates College	3 years
Ruth M. Malone	History	Boston University	4 years
Katherine K. Waldron	Mathematics	Boston University	16 years
Ruth J. Bennett	Household Arts	Framingham Normal	10 years
Marion D. Williams	Household Arts, Science and Mathematics	University of New Hampshire	2 years
Raymond L. Strangford	Commercial	Northeastern University	8 years
Olive M. Avery	Commercial	University of Maine	8 years
Margaret C. Kirby	Commercial	Salem Normal	11 years
Hazel M. Fitts	Commercial	Salem Normal	3 years
Mildred B. Ahlgren	Commercial	Salem Normal	6 years
Beulah J. Smith	Commercial	Boston University	1 year

HOLLIS SCHOOL

Elmer E. Ellsworth	Principal	Columbia University	7 years
Deborah Goldman	Grade VIII	Salem Normal	7 years
Ruth W. Thrasher	Grade VII	Framingham Normal	4 years
Kathryn Kirby	Grade VI	Westfield Normal	3 years
Helen R. Page	Grade V and VI	Castine Normal	1 year
Doris G. Norton	Grade V	Newburyport Training	6 years
Mildred S. Nickerson	Grade IV	Bridgewater Normal	12 years
Dorothy M. Hatch	Grades III and IV	Gorham Normal	2 years
Rosalie S. Bayley	Grade III	Thayer Academy	26 years
Hannah C. Whelan	Grade II	Weymouth Training	33 years
Anna E. Gorman	Grades I and II	Salem Normal	3 years
Rena E. Hemenway	Grade I	Salem Normal	7 years
Ann R. Howard	Kindergarten	Page Kindergarten	21 years

NOAH TORREY SCHOOL

F. Allan Chapman	Principal	Salem Normal	16 years
Josephine B. Colbert	Grade VIII	Bridgewater Normal	38 years
Gertrude E. Saunders	Grade VIII	Salem Normal	7 years
Margaret MacDonald	Grade VII	Gorham Normal	1 year
Blanche Hinds	Grade VII	Boston Normal	13 years
Dorothy M. Sniereson	Grade VI	Plymouth Normal	3 years
Lucy A. Hinsdale	Grade VI	Bridgewater Normal	3 years
Dorothy M. Fessenden	Grade V	Bridgewater Normal	5 years

Elizabeth G. Rogers	Grade V	Framingham Normal	27 years
Mildred E. Hutchinson	Grade IV	Plymouth Normal	21 years
Margaret E. Perkins	Grade IV	Colby College	6 years
Helen A. Cuff	Grade III	Thayer Academy	23 years
Grace E. Rowe	Grade III	Salem Normal	2 years

JONAS PERKINS SCHOOL

Alberto M. Eldrige	Principal	Bridgewater Normal	27 years
Alice E. Coffin	Grade VIII	Farmington Normal	3 years
Bertha E. Hinchcliffe	Grade VII	Salem Normal	10 years
Nellie E. Bolles	Grade VI	Braintree High	36 years
Ida M. Cromwell	Grade V	Castine Normal	20 years
Irma M. Killian	Grade IV	Bridgewater Normal	11 years
Harriet C. Taylor	Grade III	Hyannis Normal	29 years
Helen C. Dignan	Grade II	Bridgewater Normal	7 years
Marguerite L. Sumner	Grade I	Page Kindergarten	29 years
Clara G. Colton	Kindergarten	Wheelock Kindergarten	5 years

THOMAS A. WATSON SCHOOL

Charles W. Brooks	Principal	Bridgewater Normal	10 years
A. Eugenia Wilbas	Grade VIII	Bridgewater Normal	7 years
Ruth I. Clarke	Grade VII	North Adams Normal	2 years
Doris Minah	Grade VI	Keene Normal	4 years
Mary T. Madden	Grade V	Bridgewater Normal	6 years

Hazel E. Gould	Grade IV	Keene Normal	6 years
Blanche M. Annas	Grade III	Salem Normal	3 years
Aileen L. Kingsbury	Grade II	Plymouth Normal	2 years
Norma R. Brown	Grade I	Bridgewater Normal	6 years
M. Frances Fobes	Kindergarten	Bridgewater Normal	9 years

PENNIMAN SCHOOL

James H. Butler, Jr.	Principal Grades VII, VIII	Bridgewater Normal	3 years
Emma G. Davis	Grade VI	Washington State Normal	4 years
Marcia L. Cook	Grade V	Boston University	3 years
Eleanor G. Brown	Grades III and IV	Bridgewater Normal	4½ years
Grace A. Bell	Grade II	Bridgewater Normal	3 years
M. Wilma Dixon	Grade I	Oberlin College	2 years
Cecilia C. Whelan	Kindergarten	Wheelock Kindergarten	9 years

ABRAHAM LINCOLN SCHOOL

Anna V. Galligan	Principal, Grade V	Bridgewater Normal	17 years
Emily A. Landry	Grade IV	Bridgewater Normal	9 years
Helen M. Linnehan	Grade III	Wheelock Kindergarten	2½ years
A. Gladys Herring	Grade II	Lowell Normal	7 years
Emma Lally	Grade I	Lesley Normal	2 years
Lorena Young	Kindergarten	Perry Kindergarten	3 years

POND SCHOOL			
Claire E. Shay	Principal, Grade II	Thayer Academy	22 years
Lucia Plumer	Grade II	Keene Normal	5 years
Leta M. Weston	Grade I	Brookfield High	14 years
Cora M. Coffill	Grade I	North Adams Normal	12 years
Harriet M. Hill	Kindergarten	Shaw Normal	32 years
SOUTH WEST SCHOOL			
Clara N. M. Holbrook	Principal, Grades 1 and II	Thayer Academy	16 years
Ethella M. Nichols	Kindergarten	Perry Normal	9 years
SOUTH SCHOOL			
Josephine M. Foster	Kindergarten, Grades I and II	Braintree High	22½ years
CONTINUATION SCHOOL			
Richard W. Johnson	Boys	Fitchburg Normal	5 years
Elizabeth P. Cobb	Girls	Framingham Normal	
SPECIALS			
Ingrid E. Ekman	Music (Vocal)	New England Conservatory	15 years
Frederick W. J. Lewis	Music (Instrumental)	Boston University	18 years
Josephine D. Carson	Nurse	Long Island Hospital	6 years

Athalie Hobell	Drawing	Mass. Normal Art	6 years
Roma Bergami	Special, Torrey and Pond	Lowell Normal	7 years
Bertha L. Jennings	Special, Hollis, and Penni- man.	Worcester Normal	17 years
Alice Crocker	Perkins, Watson and Lincoln	Bridgewater Normal	17 years
C. Edward Fisher	Superintendent	St Lawrence University	25 years
Emily Erickson	Secretary	Brown University	3 years
Dr. F. H. Merriam	School Physician	Braintree High	
Dr. H. W. Ripley	School Physician		
Dr. F. H. Gile	School Physician		
E. O. Long	School Carpenter		
C. S. Hannaford	Attendance Officer		

JANITORS

Albert F. Hollis, 39 Taylor Street, South Braintree.
 Fred H. Landeck, 28 Summer Street, South Braintree.
 Omer W. Hollis, 282 Union Street, Braintree.
 Edward C. Holyoke, 24 Liberty Street, East Braintree.
 James Cassidy, 47 Bellevue Road, East Braintree.
 Willard P. Brown, 23 Willow Street, East Braintree.
 Foster F. Tupper, 44 Central Avenue, South Braintree.
 J. Herbert Annis, 2 Grove Street, South Braintree.
 Nelson E. Hayden, 305 Pond Street, South Braintree.
 Margaret O'Rourke, 29 Peach Street, South Braintree.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Teachers' Salaries	\$138,990.50
Superintendent	3,900.00
Clerk	1,110.00
Attendance Officer	500.00
Nurse and School Physicians	2,340.00
Janitor's Salaries	9,322.12
Fuel, Light, and Water	8,196.16
Other Operating Expenses	1,281.54
Text Books and Supplies	12,637.98
Transportation	5,340.00
Tuition	2,047.17
Repairs	15,129.44
Outlay	1,778.08
Miscellaneous	3,549.69
Total	<hr/> \$206,122.68

Receipts by the Town on account of the School Department.

Massachusetts School Fund	\$17,078.00
Continuation School (State Reimbursement)	1,053.18
Continuation School (Tuition of Non-residents	1,988.16
Continuation School (Smith-Huges Fund)	284.83
State Tuition (Wards)	512.28
City of Boston Tuition (Wards)	177.51
Miscellaneous	265.24
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Total	\$21,359.20
Net	\$184,763.48

ANNUAL REPORT
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MANAGER'S REPORT

Braintree Electric Light Department

Municipal Light Board, Braintree, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

You will find herewith submitted the annual report of this department including the financial statment as prescribed by the department of Public Utilities, also some of the physical improvements during the year. The power house of this department speaks for itself, and we welcome a visit of inspection at all times from any of our custmers, as a very small percent f our citizens are aware that we now have the best equipped generating station for its capacity in Masachusetts. As you will notice from our financial statement the major portion of our physical improvements for 1925 has been applied to our transmission lines in the south portion of the town, although many new developements have taken place in all sections. Many new street lights have been installed, including the square at South Braintree, and we have in mind if possible during the coming year the relighting of the squares in the other parts of the town. Four hundred and nine (409) new service connections were attached to the system in 1925 making a total of (3638) thirty six hundred thirty eight meters in service December 31, 1925. Street lights were operated 365 nights. Three thousand six hundred eighty nine hours (3689) and used 208,390 Kilowatts. Street lights totaling 14,500 candle power have been installed on 32 streets in town during the past year.

Kilowatts generated at station 5,093,880

Kilowatts purchased 39,090

5,132,970

Distributed Thus:

Light	963,868	
Power	3,014,861	
Street Lights	208,390	
Power factor corrections and Station Estimated ...	275,000	
Line Loss 13%	670,851	
	<hr/>	5,132,970

Wire used 1925

For Street Lights, No. 6	65,498 feet	
For Primarys, No. 6	28,210 "	
For Secondarys, No. 6	45,946 "	
For House Connections, No. 6	40,081 "	
For House Connections, No. 4	840 "	
For Secondary, No. 4	56,645 "	
For Primary, No. 4	27,537 "	
For Primary, No. OO	6,300 "	
For Secondary, No. OO	1,950 "	
For Secondary, No. 2	3,000 "	
	<hr/>	276,007 feet

Approximately 52 miles of wire.

Poles used New Constructions

35 foot	107	
40 foot	11	
	<hr/>	118

Poles used in maintenance

35 foot	45	
40 foot	2	
	<hr/>	47

OPERATING EXPENSES — ELECTRIC

Operation:

601—Superintending	\$ 12,335.25	
606—Boiler Fuel	51,371.37	
607—Water for Steam	813.89	
608-9—Misc. Expenses	455.16	
	<hr/>	64,975.67

Maintenance:

611—Station Structures	2,487.74	
612-14 Steam Equipment	2,646.85	
615-16 Generating Equipment	895.67	
634—Elec. Energy Purchased	2,278.86	
	<hr/>	8,309.12

Transmission and Distribution

Operation:

638—Trans. and Dist. Lines . . \$	2,548.85	
639—Supplies and Expenses . . .	415.88	
640-42—Meter and Transformer repair Labor	997.04	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,961.77

Maintenance:

647—Trans. and Dist. Lines . . \$	21,732.43	
650-51—Maint. Meters and Trans.	902.19	
	<hr/>	\$ 22,634.62

Utilization

Operation:

654-6—Street Lights	\$306.92	
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Maintenance:

657-9—Street Lights \$	3,562.42	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,869.34

Balance forwarded \$103,750.52

General and Misc.—Brought Forward		\$103,750.52
666—Salaries Municipal Bd. and Manager	\$ 5,050.02	
667—Salaries Office Clerks ..	7,927.98	
668—Office Expenses	964.24	
671—Insurance	1,492.42	
675—Transportation Expense ..	4,662.98	
677—Maintenance Structures ..	653.96	
678—Depreciation	11,613.55	
	<hr/>	\$ 32,365.15
Total		<hr/> \$136,115.67

Electric Operating Revenue

Commercial and Domestic Light	\$ 94,150.59	
Power	83,307.28	
Flat Rate sales to private consumers	805.36	
	<hr/>	\$178,263.23

Municipal Revenues

Power	\$ 1,721.54	
Light	808.01	
Street Lighting	7,785.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 10,314.55
		<hr/> \$188,577.78

Income Statement

500—Operating Revenues ..	\$188,577.78	
600—Operating Expenses ..	136,115.67	
	<hr/>	\$ 52,462.11
Interest Income	\$ 78.85	

Mdse. and Job.	2,346.65	
Misc. Non Operating Income .	69.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,494.50
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		\$ 54,956.61
Taxes	109.75	
Interest on Bonds	1,800.00	
Misc. Deductions	93.92	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,003.67
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Income Bal. Transferred to Profit & Loss		\$' 52,952.94

Profit & Loss Statement

401 Credit Balance at begin- ning of year	\$137,620.86
402 Credit Balance transfer- ed from Income	\$ 52,952.94
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	\$190,573.80

Investment Account

Land	1,065.00	
Structures	13,957.98	
Boiler Plant Equipment	61,166.57	
Prime Movers "Auxiliaries" .	81,115.17	
Turbines	2,434.18	
Electric Plant Steam	37,788.70	
Overhead Lines Poles & Fix- tures	59,293.31	
Consumers Meters	31,060.53	
Transformers	24,522.28	\$312,403.72
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Utilization Equipment

Street Lighting Equipment ..	8,338.09	\$	8,338.09
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General Equipment

Office Equipment	2,142.97		
Transportation Equipment ..	6,184.55		
Laboratory Equipment	1,028.25	\$	9,355.77

Total Plant Investment			\$330,097.58
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Balance Sheet Accounts**Assets****Investment**

Plant Investment			\$330,097.58
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Current Assets

Cash Operating Fund	2,059.49		
Cash Depreciation Fund	10,317.64	\$	12,377.13

Accounts Receivable

Electric Material	568.38		
Light Consumers	7,726.91		
Power Consumers	7,216.16	\$	15,511.45

Inventories

Material & Supplies	15,453.67		
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Prepaid Accounts

Prepaid Insurance	4,392.93	\$	19,846.60
Total			\$337,832.76

Liabilities**Appropriations:**

Apro. for Construction . . .	46,168.74
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Current Liabilities:

Bills Payable	18,090.22
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Appropriate Surplus:

Loans Repayment	83,000.00
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Bonds	40,000.00
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Profit & Loss	1,90,573.80	\$377,832.76
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OPERATION FUND**Debit**

Balance of December 31,	
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1924	3,923.41
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Receipts-Consumers	179,533.68
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Sundries	9,185.33
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Street Lights	7,785.00
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Interest Receipts	67.45
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\$200,514.87

Credit

Bills Payable, 1924	12,130.64
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Transferred to Depreciation	
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Cash	9,919.90
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Plant-Renewals "Additions"	39,458.20
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Operation	124,502.12
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Bonds	9,931.00
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Stock	2,513.52
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Balance on Hand, 1925	2,059.49
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\$200,514.87

DEPRECIATION FUND ACCOUNT

Debit

Balance January 1, 1925 . . .	386.34	
Amount Transferred from In-		
come	9,919.90	
Income from Interest	11,40	
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		\$ 10,317.64

Credit

Balance on Hand January 1,		
1926		\$ 10,317.64
Balance on hand end of year		
1925		\$ 2,059.49

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the accounts of E. B. Lawrence, Manager, of the Braintree Electric Light Department; and approve same. Cash received and paid to Town Treasurer as per cash Book \$200,514.87. We have examined the inventories in the report and compared same with stock on hand and approve them as rendered.

Bills payable Dec. 31st, 1925	\$18,090.22	
Bills receivable	568.38	
Consumer's Light Account . . .	7,726.91	
Consumer's Power Account .	7,716.16	\$15,511.45

CHARLES H. TOBEY,
RALPH W. ARNOLD,
VICTOR P. MONAGHAN,
Auditors 1925.

January 23, 1926.

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ORGANIZATION

WILLIAM HARRISON, Chairman

GEORGE A. WALKER

CHARLES B. CUMMINGS

OTIS B. OAKMAN, Treasurer

W. L. GAGE, Secretary and Purchasing Agent to
May 12, 1925.

H. W. MACOMBER, Secretary and Purchasing Agent
from June 1, 1925

JOHN W. MULCAHY, Superintendent

FRANCIS J. O'ROURKE, Chief Engineer.

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Water Commissioners submit the Annual Report of the Water Department for the year ending December 31, 1925.

WILLIAM L. GAGE

During the year, this Department has suffered a loss, through the passing away of William L. Gage, who acted in the capacity of Secretary and Purchasing Agent since August 1910 until shortly before his death, which occurred May 12, 1925 after a short illness.

Mr. Gage was an able and efficient gentleman, serving this Department with great ability, honesty and thoroughness, the loss of his assistance and companionship being keenly felt by us, as undoubtedly it is by many others in a wide circle of acquaintance.

Activity in the way of laying additional main pipes and installing new services continues to increase as time goes on and as the population grows, the increase being on a rising curve, the flattening off of which is not yet in sight. In accordance with various authorizing votes at the last Annual Town Meeting, mains were laid as follows:

Article 83. 6 inch pipe on Peach and Liberty Streets,
Appropriation \$8463.56, Cost \$11929.20

Article 84. 6 inch pipe on Harrison Avenue,
Appropriation \$1513.19, Cost \$783.12

Article 85. 12 inch pipe on Union Street,
Appropriation \$814.98, Cost \$717.05

Work on the 8 inch main over West Street, authorized by vote on Article 79 in the Annual Town Meeting of 1924 and Article 82 in the Annual Town Meeting of 1925, is well under way, but weather conditions compelled its discontinuance during December, as a matter of economy, the expenditure to date bring \$8,398.75. The Department expects to continue this work during the coming summer.

Other main pipe extensions on accepted streets, to meet the needs of new construction have been made during the year, details of which may be found in the Superintendent's Report, which follows. All appropriations and expenditures for the foregoing extensions were from the revenue of the Water Department with the exception of \$2000.00. which was re-appropriated from an unexpended balance remaining after completion of other work and included in the tax levy of 1921. New developments or continuance of developments where mains were laid, either by or under the supervision of this Department are as follows, the cost of work being at the expense of the owners or promoters: Burroughs Road, Bower Road, Massachusetts Avenue, Harding Road, Weston Avenue, Newton Street, Oak Street, and Hawthorne Road, the total quantity laid being 3173 feet of 6 inch pipe in addition to a large amount of one and two inch pipe on other locations.

Due the rapidly growing demands on the water system, and the necessity for a reserve supply in case of fire or breakdown, your Commissioners, after careful consideration, have decided to recommend the erection of an additional storage reservoir in the East section of the Town. Competent advice as to the location, cost and methods has been obtained and an article covering this project will be inserted for your consideration in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting. It is believed that the cost of the new construction can be borne by the Water Department.

Preparations are also being made to install a new pumping unit at the Great Pond Station, this pump to replace the present Blake and Knowles duplex pump, which has been in use since the system was built, has outlived its usefulness, and is much smaller than the requirements demand.

The rapid growth of the Town is responsible, not only directly, for demands on and expenditures by this Department, but indirectly, through requirements for relaying out and widening of streets and highways and widening and reconstruction of bridges where water mains, hydrants and services already exist. These changes and contemplated changes are a source of a considerable expenditure by this Department through the necessity for changing and relocating mains and hydrants, the cost of which, has never been included in the cost of the street improvement.

We are of the opinion that matters of this kind are improvements for the benefit of the public, that the expense should be borne by the tax payers, and that the cost of the change, which is a matter of public interest, should take into consideration the expenditures falling on the Water Department, which should be re-imbursed therefor.

Your Commissioners desire to invite your attention to the fact that we are called upon at various times, in some cases insistently, to lay mains at the expense of the Town or Water Department in private property where real estate development is proposed or in progress. The policy of this Department, from which there has been no deviation, of requiring the owner or promoter to pay for laying the mains, and the Town or Water Department paying for the hydrants and service connections, is believed to be fair and liberal, works no hardships on the promoter, and gives fair treatment to the tax payers and consumers, who, otherwise, must necessarily furnish the funds for the work, either through an increase in the tax levy or in the water rate. We are encouraged in maintaining this policy, adopted and in force for some years, by the fact that a number of other cities and towns, that find themselves burdened by land development projects, have the same or a similar policy.

Following are the reports of the Secretary, Collector, Register, and Superintendent.

MAINTENANCE

Diamond Union Stamp Works Co.	.60
American Railway Express Co.	2.68
Emma F. Thayer	3.00
T. Groom & Co., Inc.	3.22
G. E. Warren	5.50
R. E. Whitman	6.00
The Mosler Safe Co.	6.00
New England Water Works Association	6.00
Alves Photo Shop	6.20
Royal Typewriter Co.	6.40
Dyer & Sullivan	7.83

H. W. Borden	9.25
W. L. Gage	10.23
H. W. Macomber	11.25
Library Bureau	11.45
Boston Daily Advertiser	12.00
James F. Burke	12.50
Markrow Ribbon & Carbon Co	16.26
Otis B. Oakman	25.00
H. W. Bailey	38.50
Fred O. Stevens	50.00
Harvey J. Annis	23.65
Pratt & Pratt	76.50
L. E. Muran Co	89.41
J. W. Mulcahy	150.00
Co. Braintree Post Office	242.41
New England Tel. & Tel. Co	245.77
Burroughs Adding Machine Co	251.29
M. C. B. Cummings	100.00
Mr. G. A. Walker	100.00
Mr. W. C. Harriaon	100.00
Mr. W. L. Gage	666.66
Mr. H. W. Macomber	933.34
Town of Randolph	1,694.12
Pay Roll	1,127.33

\$6,050.35

GREAT POND STATION

Braintree Service Express . . . . .	.50
G. E. Warren	1.45
Braintree Auto Express	2.35
Rhines Lumber Co	3.92
Haskells Garage	4.50
Ashton Valve Co	6.44
Windsor Co	6.93
D. A. Chandler	9.67

Walworth Mfg. Co.....	18.66
Waldo Bros. & Bond Co.....	20.40
A. W. Chesterton Co.....	25.03
R. Bishop Mfg. Co.....	35.68
Paramount Packing Co.....	44.00
Pierce Perry Co.....	51.76
Fields Point Mfg. Co.....	54.00
Eagle Oil Co.....	61.00
Pinel Tool Co.....	79.96
A. A. Drollett.....	103.40
Garlock Packing Co.....	218.31
Commonwealth Oil Co.....	261.95
Braintree Electric Light Dept....	223.40
W. G. Storm.....	342.10
N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. Co.....	585.95
Curran & Burton.....	2,026.89
Pay Roll.....	5,767.00

\$9,955.25

LITTLE POND STATION

Perkins Express.....	.50
D. A. Chandler.....	.75
William Little.....	1.10
Haskells Garage.....	1.25
H. Emory White.....	10.50
G. E. Warren.....	11.60
Rhines Lumber Co.....	15.67
The Windsor Co.....	16.20
Braintree Electric Light Dept....	25.25
Pittsburg Plate Glass Co.....	26.17
J. F. Sheppard & Sons.....	73.94
Woodsum Coal Co.	186.68
Pay Roll.....	421.33

\$790.94

SERVICE MAINTENANCE

Braintree Auto Express	1.85
A. W. Chesterton	2.50
Haskell's Garage	2.60
William Lillie	2.85
W. A. Torrey Co	6.68
The Pinel Tool Co	6.80
G. E. Warren	9.65
Edison Mfg. Co	14.95
Tropical Paint & Oil Co	19.95
Mueller Co. Inc	25.00
Pay Roll	2,686.83

\$2,761.56

SERVICE WORK OUTSIDE STREET LINES

N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. Co	6.08
D. A. Chandler	6.59
Geo. H. Snell	9.66
Red Hed Mfg. Co	10.13
Walworth Mfg. Co	11.19
Chapman Valve Co	18.74
American Railway Express Co	19.44
Pratt & Pratt	21.94
G. A. Caldwell	29.19
A. W. Chesterton	29.55
Pinel Tool Co	36.86
Braintree Auto Express	42.14
G. E. Warren	48.93
William Lillie	50.48
Sumner & Dunbar	103.47
Cambridge Plumbing Supply Co.	290.60
A. C. Trojano	722.29
Pierce Perry Co	753.31
Mueller Co. Inc	1,226.11
Chadwick Boston Lead Co	3,847.58

Pay Roll	4,196.90
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\$11,481.18

SERVICE WORK IN STREET

J. S. Lynch	1.50
D. A. Chandler	1.53
Geo. H. Snell	3.22
Red Hed Mfg. Co.	3.37
Walworth Mfg. Co.	3.72
Woodsum Coal Co.	3.73
Geo. A. Caldwell	5.62
Chapman Valve Co.	6.24
Standard Oil Co.	6.50
A. A. Sampson	7.00
Pratt & Pratt	7.31
John Mansville, Inc.	8.49
A. W. Chesterton Co.	9.85
American Railway Express	10.76
R. E. Whitman	12.00
Braintree Auto Express	12.86
Pinel Tool Co.	15.33
G. E. Warren	16.30
William Lillie	19.67
N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. Co.	35.08
Cambridge Plumbing Supply Co.	96.86
Pierce Perry Co.	278.04
A. C. Trojano	313.34
Mueller Co. Inc.	960.26
Chadwick Boston Lead Co.	1,728.99
Sumner & Dunbar	34.48
Pay Roll	2,098.45

\$5,700.50

RENEWAL SERVICE WORK IN STREET

Pay Roll.....	30.75
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30.75

SERVICE REPAIRS IN STREET

Pay Roll.....	52.10
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\$52.10

METERS

G. E. Warren.....	.15
Braintree Auto Express.....	.25
D. A. Chandler.....	.35
Pratt & Pratt.....	8.75
National Meter Co.	3,842.81

\$3,852.31

METER REPAIR

National Meter Co.....	285.45
Pay Roll.....	729.00

\$1,014.45

READING, INSPECTION AND TESTING METERS

Haskell's Garage.....	5.60
Pay Roll.....	1,855.00

\$1,860.60

HYDRANTS

American Railway Express ...	2.50
Garlock Packing Co.	10.65

A. C. Trojano	13.50
L. Scott Roe	77.00
Rensselear Valve Co.	832.50
Pay Roll	788.60

\$1,724.76

HYDRANT REPAIRS

Braintree Auto Express .....	.50
George Gregor	1.25
Pierce Perry Co.	28.80
Coffin Valve Co.	350.00
Rensselear Valve Co.	248.66
Pay Roll	94.10

\$723.31

TESTING AND FLUSHING HYDRANTS

Pay Roll	125.00
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\$125.00

TOOLS

D. A. Chandler46
Theo C. Fogg50
Braintree Auto Express60
William Lillie	1.15
C. R. Bestick	1.50
G. A. Caldwell Co.	3.50
F. W. Robinson	4.00
G. E. Warren	21.84
Mueller Co. Inc	21.86
A. W. Chesterton Co.	42.01
Waldo Bros. & Bond Co.	23.45
Pinel Tool Co.	177.00

\$298.17

MAIN PIPE EXTENSION

G. E. Warren10
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Pinel Tool Co.	2.25
Braintree Auto Express	3.00
Pratt & Pratt	3.00
John Lucas & Co. Inc.	12.00
American Railway Express	14.34
Carpenter Portable Light Co. ...	16.17
Weymouth Water Dept.	19.85
Haskell's Garage	33.00
E. L. LeBarron Foundry Co.	42.80
Louis Brow	44.23
Austin E. Wynot	52.85
Waldo Bros. & Bond Co.	55.67
Cambridge Plumbing Supply Co.	86.63
Charles F. Cavanaugh	116.55
A. A. Drollett	255.41
Pierce Percy	296.41
Mueller Co. Inc	392.60
Builders Iron Foundry Co.	731.86
Chadwick Boston Lead Co.	847.91
N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. Co.	1,396.96
Rensselear Valve Co.	1,628.41
A. C. Trojano	12,383.31
Donaldson Iron Co.	14,446.27
Pay Roll	622.05
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	\$33,504.22

MAIN PIPE REPAIRS

Haskell's Garage	15.00
City of Quincy	81.20
Pay Roll	121.30
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	\$217.50

PROTECTION WATER SUPPLY

American Railway Express	5.31
Fields Point Mfg. Co.	9.00
John Shay	156.00
John Shay	300.00
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	\$470.31

AUTO TRUCKS

Superintendent's Car

American Railway Express52
Hollis Garage96
G. E. Warren	1.00
Braintree Tire & Battery Service	1.50
Braintree Auto Express	1.50
W. L. Gage	2.00
Tide Water Oil & Sales Corp.	3.63
Register Motor Vehicles	12.00
Fiske Tire Co.	45.55
Standard Oil Co.	180.65
Haskell's Garage	133.89
Henshaw Motor Co.	650.00

\$1,233.20

METER CAR

Braintree Auto Express . . . . .	.75
G. E. Warren	1.00
Tide Water Oil & Sales Corp.	32.82
Fiske Tire Co.	35.85
Standard Oil Co.	179.73
Haskell's Garage	229.19

\$479.34

REO TRUCK

G. E. Warren . . . . .	.45
Sylvertor & Carson . . . . .	.95
D. A. Chandler	1.31
Tide Water Oil & Sales Corp.	3.62
F. C. Foster, Jr.	3.75
Brewer's Corner Garage	50.43
S. Scammell Sons	40.00
Braintree Tire & Battery Service	58.45
Haskell's Garage	136.78

Stanard Oil Co.	178.74
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\$474.48

DODGE TRUCK

Braintree Tire & Battery Service	.75
H. F. Stackhouse	1.50
Register Motor Vehicles	2.00
Tide Water Oil & Sales Corp ..	3.63
So. Braintree Tire & Vulcanizing	3.75
W. L. Gage	4.00
Pinel Tool Co.	25.55
Standard Oil Co.	139.68
Haskell's Garage	992.75

\$1,173.61

GARAGE

Winers Hardware Store .....	.75
N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. Co. ....	.82
D. A. Chandler .....	.90
Perkin's Express	1.40
Haskell's Garage	5.46
G. E. Warren	6.20
Woodsum Coal Co.	6.30
U. T. Landry	7.50
Tropical Paint & Oil Co.	13.10
Pittsburg Plate Glass Co.	20.81
Grossman Coal Co.	48.75
C. R. Bestick	65.00
H. W. Borden	448.50
Pay Roll	421.34

\$1,046.83

INSURANCE

H. A. Monk Agent	67.50
G. E. Sampson	581.72

\$649.22

FARM LANDS

Pay Roll	114.40
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\$114.40

SUPERINTENDENT

J. W. Mulcahy	2,120.00
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\$2,120.00

RECAPITULATION

Maintenance	6,050.35
Great Pond Station	9,955.25
Little Pond Station	790.94
Service Maintenance	2,761.56
Service Work Outside Street Lines	11,481.18
Service Work In Street	5,700.50
Renewal Service Work In Street	30.75
Service Repairs In Street	52.10
Meters	3,852.31
Meter Repairs	1,014.45
Reading, Inspection & Testing Meters	1,860.60
Hydrants	1,724.76
Hydrant Repairs	723.31
Testing and Flushing Hydrants	125.00
Tools	298.17
Main Pipe Extension	33,504.22
Main Pipe Repairs	217.50

Protection Water Supply	470.31	
Auto Cars	3,360.63	
Garage	1,046.83	
Insurance	649.22	
Farm Lands	114.40	
Superintendent	2,120.00	
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		\$87,904.34

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Water Rates charged 1925	\$69,134.01	
Pipes, Labor etc.	15,890.01	
Water Rates Outstanding Jan.		
1, 1925	4,814.24	
Pipes, Labor etc., Outstanding		
Jan. 1, 1925	3,631.80	
Summonses	2.75	
George E. Sampson, Agent	24.75	
Town of Braintree (Appropriation under Art. 83)	2,000.00	
Mrs. E. A. Hollingsworth	78.00	
Town of Braintree (Hydrants)	500.00	
Sam Beer	12.00	
Haskell's Garage	60.00	
Salvador Cordaro (Rent of Farm)	400.00	
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, Inc.	87.75	
Telephone Acct., and Meter Test	8.03	
Collections		\$85,565.11
Water Rates Outstanding Dec.		
31, 1925		7,129.04
Pipes, Labor etc., Outstanding		
Dec. 31, 1925		3,183.45
Abatements		765.74
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	\$96,643.34	\$96,643.34

SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance Jan. 1, 1925	\$29,528.56	
Chadwick-Boston Lead Co. (Reels returned)	268.00	
Braintree Nat. Bank (Int. on open account)	49.41	
First National Bank (Int. on open account)	209.13	
Nat. Mt. Wollaston Bank (Int. on special deposit)	366.45	
Braintree Nat. Bank (Int. on special deposit)	520.00	
First National Bank (Int. on special deposit)	89.98	
Discounts for Cash Settlements	289.91	
Otis B. Oakman, Treasurer, (In- cluding Town of Braintree Hy- drants \$500)	85,565.11	
Paid Sundry Bills as per Vouchers		87,904.34
Balance December 31, 1925		28,982.21
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	\$116,886.55	\$116,886.55

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Balance Jan. 1, 1925	600.00	
Collected in 1925	85,565.11	
Paid Treasurer on his receipts ..		85,565.11
Balance December 31, 1925		600.00
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	\$86,165.11	\$86,165.11

Examined and approved with vouchers for expenditures and balance on hand as outlined above.

RALPH W. ARNOLD,
CHARLES H. TOBEY,
PAUL MONAGHAN,

Auditors 1925.

January 27, 1925.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Otis B. Oakman, Treasurer,

In account with Board of Water Commissioners:

	Dr.	Cr.
Balance from 1924	\$29,528.56	
Received from W. L. Gage and H. W. Macomber, Collectors.	85,065.11	
Received from Town of Braintree (Hydrants)	500.00	
Received interest on deposits	1,234.97	
Paid orders of Commissioners		\$87,346.43
Balance, December 31, 1925		28,982.21
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	\$116,328.64	\$116,328.64

Examined and approved with balance on hand as follows:

On Deposit:

First National Bank	\$600.01
Braintree National Bank	782.20
Cash in hands of Secretary	600.00
First National Bank, certificate of deposit	3,000.00
Braintree National Bank, certificate of deposit	13,000.00
Mt. Wollaston Bank, certificate on deposit	11,000.00
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	\$28,982.21

RALPH W. ARNOLD,

PAUL MONAGHAN,

CHARLES H. TOBEY,

Auditors, 1925.

January 15, 1926.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Water Commissioners of
the Town of Braintree:

Gentlemen:

Two hundred and sixty-nine new services were laid during the year.

Kind of pipe and number of feet laid:

	Feet	In
Five-eighths-inch lead pipe	10798	10
Three-fourths-inch lead pipe	391	06
Three-fourths-inch iron pipe	159	02
One-and one-fourth-inch iron pipe	3121	08
One-half-inch iron pipe	110	06
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Total	14581	08

Total service pipe in System December 31, 1925:

39 miles, 3022 feet 1 inch. 58 services were renewed.

Five-eighths-inch lead pipe	1899	09
Three-fourths-inch lead pipe	142	06
One-inch iron pipe	651	
One-and one-fourth-inch iron pipe	40	06
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Total	2733	09

Twelve-in cast in pipe on Union Street . .	196
Eight-inch cast iron pipe on West Street . .	1884
Six-inch cast iron pipe on Hawthorne Road	994
Six-inch cast iron pipe on Hawthorne Road	348
Six-inch cast iron pipe on Harrison Avenue	419
Six-inch cast iron pipe on Stedman Avenue	334
Six-inch cast iron pipe on Washington Street (North)	327
Six-inch cast iron pipe on Cleveland Ave.	776

Six-inch cast iron pipe on Peach and Liberty Street	4075
Six-inch cast iron pipe on Oak Street	141
Six-inch cast iron pipe on Newton Street	85
Six-inch cast iron pipe on Weston Avenue	253
Six-inch cast iron pipe on Harding Ave.	314
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		<hr/>	Ft. In.
Four-inch cast iron pipe on Burroughs Road	588		
Four-inch cast iron pipe on Bower Road ..	474		
Four-inch cast iron pipe on Wellington St.	240		
Six-inch cast iron pipe on Mass. Ave.	323		
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	1312		
Two-inch wrought iron pipe on Circuit Road	209	6	
Two-inch wrought iron pipe on Edgehill Road	385		
Two-inch wrought iron pipe on Townsend Avenue	260		
Two-inch wrought iron pipe on Sampson St.	360		
Two-inch wrought iron pipe on Wamputuck Road	226		
Two-inch wrought iron pipe on Faulkner Place	160		
One-and one-fourth wrought iron pipe on Devon Road	128		
One-inch wrought iron pipe on Townsend Avenue	166	6	
One-inch wrought iron pipe on Morrison Road	116		
One-inch wrought iron pipe on Park Street	146		
One-inch wrought iron pipe on Boscobel St.	162		

One-inch wrought iron pipe on Waldon Road	149	
One-inch wrought iron pipe on South St. . .	224	
One-inch wrought iron pipe on Trefton Drive	98	6
Added during year 2 miles 4072 feet.		

DISTRIBUTION MAINS IN OPERATION

December 31, 1925

Sixteen-inch cast iron pipe	741	
Fourteen-inch cast iron pipe	137	
Twelve-inch cast iron pipe	18735	
Ten-inch cast iron pipe	10502	
Eight-inch cast iron pipe	21220	
Six-inch cast iron pipe	182549	
Four-inch cast iron pipe	356.11	
Two-inch wrought iron pipe	14580	
One-and one-half wrought iron pipe . .	3663	
One-and one-fourth wrought iron pipe .	5405	
One-inch wrought iron pipe	18440	
Three-fourths wrought iron pipe	1409	
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59 miles, 1472 feet.		312992 ft.

PUMPING RECORD FOR 1925

	Gallons pumped	Coal burned	Time run	Gallons pumped With 100 lbs. of coal
January	30,629.025	78,425	486.45	38,035
February	28,048,713	71,235	448.20	39,370
March	30,595,040	80,690	492.55	37,906
April	24,356,850	66,565	392.35	36,588
May	25,669,728	68,250	416.40	37,612
June	28,948,665	75,435	462.00	38,375
July	31,567,200	79,235	511.35	39,839
August	31,722,237	86,590	505.45	36,635
September	29,874,873	81,785	490.00	36,528
October	27,392,631	75,375	411.00	36,368
November	26,369,469	69,245	420.40	38,081
December	27,378,309	68,400	439.35	40,027
Totals	342,553,194	901,230	5508.50	
Daily Average	938,502	2,469	15.22	37,947

Largest day's pumping, Tuesday September 1, 1,406,265.

Smallest day's pumping, Sunday, April 19, 527,942.

FRANCIS J. O'ROURKE
Chief Engineer.

NUMBER, LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF HYDRANTS
SET DURING YEAR 1925

Number	Location	Maker
344	Hawthorne Road	Rennselear Mfg. Co.
345	Hawthorne Road	Rennselear Mfg. Co.
346	Hawthorne Road	Rennselear Mfg. Co.
347	Harrison Avenue	Rennselear Mfg. Co.
348	Cleveland Avenue	Rennselear Mfg. Co.
349	Peach Street	Rennselear Mfg. Co.
350	Peach Street	Rennselear Mfg. Co.
351	Peach Street	Rennselear Mfg. Co.
352	Liberty Street	Rennselear Mfg. Co.
353	Burroughs Road	Rennselear Mfg. Co.

28 Hydrants changed and new ones installed.

10 new Hydrants added during year 1925.

**NUMBER, LOCATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF VALVES SET
DURING YEAR 1925**

Valve No.	6 Inches	4 Inches	2 Inches
605 Stedman Avenue	1		
606 Washington Street	1		
607 Hawthorne Road	1		
608 Hawthorne Road	1		
609 Peach Street	1		
610 LiMerty Street	1		
611 Weston Avenue	1		
612 Harding Avenue	1		
613 Massachusetts Avenue	1		
614 Burroughs Road	1		
615 Bower Road		1	
616 Circuit Road			1
617 Edgehill Road			1
618 Townsend Avenue			1
619 Sampson Avenue			1

METER RECORD FOR 1925

Kind and Size	$\frac{5}{8}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1	$1\frac{1}{2}$	2	3	4	6	Total
Empire	2644	50	4	10	3	3	2	1	2717
Crown		21							21
Gem					3				3
Hersy	4								4
	2648	71	4	10	6	3	2	1	2745

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. MULCAHY,
Superintendent.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
School Sites Committee
OF THE
TOWN OF BRAINTREE
FROM

Dec. 31, 1924 to Dec. 31, 1925

Printed by Order of the Town



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REPORT OF SCHOOL SITE COMMITTEE

At the Annual Town Meeting, 1925, under Article 90, it was Voted: "That a committee of five be appointed by the Moderator to bring in a report to the Town at its next Annual Meeting, of a method for and costs of acquiring such additional land and sites for for school purposes as they may deem advisable, and a plan for and estimates of such additions as may be necessary for any grade school at that time."

The undersigned committee appointed under this article after very careful study of various sites and maps, and after consideration of the probable direction of the growth of population, and in consultation with the School Committee, desire to report as follows:

PRECINCT ONE

We believe that there will be need in the near future for a new school building in the Braintree Highlands section, and we recommend that a plot of about five acres in what is called "POPPLE" Island be secured. We recommend that the Town acquire a lot of suitable size near the corner of Grove and Liberty Streets, belonging to Miss Ina Cutting.

At the Southwest School, we find that Hollingsworth Park was left to the Town for School and Park purposes which will give the Town all the land needed for the enlargement which is surely coming.

We recommend that the Town take immediate steps to confirm its title to this land.

PRECINCT TWO

We believe that the time will come when a school will be needed in the West district at Five Corners. The Braintree School Fund Committee holds in trust a lot of land on West and Granite Streets, well suited for the purpose, so we recommend no action at present.

HIGH SCHOOL

There is a lot of land south of the present High School lot which would be a great addition to the present playground. Your Committee thinks the price asked is too high, and do not recommend any action at present.

ELM STREET

Your Committee feels that a lot of land should be secured near Elm Street on the Drinkwater Estate. We have been unable to get a price from them and the matter is still pending.

PENNINGTON SCHOOL

We recommend that the Town take by purchase or right of eminent domain a piece of land on the south side of the present lot, fifty feet in width extending from Cleveland Avenue to the river.

PRECINCT THREE

The Abraham Lincoln and Thomas A. Watson Schools have land enough for present needs. At the Jonas Perkins School, there are two lots of land—one containing 11,550 feet can be bought for \$500.00. Lot 2 contains 14,900 feet, and the price asked is \$1,300.00. We recommend that the Town buy Lot 1 and that the Lot 2 be taken by right of eminent domain.

If these recommendations are adopted by the Town, your Committee feels that provisions will be made at

moderate costs for any expansion so far as school sites are concerned for a great many years, and the danger of being held up by any sudden rise in land values will be avoided.

PENNIMAN SCHOOL.

Study of schoolhousing conditions: your Committee finds that more room is needed in the Penniman School. In a report from the Superintendent, we find that on January 11th, 1926, there was an enrollment of 220 pupils. This is a five-room building, including the kindergarten, which takes care of 22 pupils at the present time,—making an average of about 50 pupils per room for the four rooms. This condition has been relieved for a time by placing two grades—5 and 6—in the school hall. This is very unsatisfactory, and placing small children on the third floor should only be considered as a temporary arrangement, so this and the fact that there is a rapid development going on in this district, which will add more pupils in September, makes it imperative that an addition be made to this building at once.

We recommend the addition of six rooms—three at each end of the present building, connected with the main building by a corridor, and suitable stairways, in accordance with plans which have been submitted and which, we believe, are satisfactory to the School Board.

According to these plans, with draining, grading and furnishing—complete—the cost will be \$52,124.00.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. ARNOLD, Chairman
CHARLES O. MILLER,
ARTHUR B. HAYWARD,
GEORGE H. WETTERBEE,
FRANK G. SOUTHWICK.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Dumps

All of the dumping at the present time is done on private property and a large expense is incurred in keeping the rubbish away from the streets.

It would save expense, also many complaints, if persons using the dumps, would deposit their rubbish further back from the streets.

Sewerage

The board feels that it cannot impress too strongly on the minds of the tax payers the immediate necessity of establishing an adequate sewerage system in the Town.

Several sections of the Town are now in bad condition, for which there is no remedy, except a sewerage system.

Braintree, January 1, 1925.

To the Braintree Board of Health:

Gentlemen: I have the honor of submitting to you my annual report of the dangerous and Communicable diseases reported to the Board for the year ending December 31, 1925. I have issued 24 Licenses during the year at one dollar each, the same was turned over to the Town, and a receipt taken therefor. Below is found a schedule of the cases reported.

Yours Truly

EDWARD O. PIERSON,

Secretary

DANGEROUS AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

1925

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Diphtheria	5	9	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	10
Chicken Pox	19	21	15	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	3	5	67
Measles	2	..	2	7	11	8	6	1	..	..	..	4	41
Pulmonary													
Tuberculosis	3	..	1	2	..	2	1	..	1	2	3	1	16
Influenza	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Lobar													
Pneumonia	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	6
Whooping Cough	4	7	9	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	24
Scarlet Fever	1	5	6	2	..	1	..	..	..	2	1	..	18
Gonorrhea	2	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	1	..	4	..	10
German Measles	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	6
Mumps	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2
Trachoma	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
T. B. all other forms	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Sum Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	210

REPORT OF INSPECTORS OF PLUMBING

To the Honorable Board of Health of the Town of Braintree.

Gentlemen:

We herewith submit our report for year ending December 31, 1925.

There has been issued from this office 307 permits to install plumbing together with 3 left over from 1924, one canceled, of this number 304 have passed inspection and 3 remain left over for 1926.

There has been installed in old and new buildings the following fixtures: (308) sinks, (269) laundry trays, (390) closets, (328) lavatories, (290) bathtubs, (1) shower baths, (3) floor drains, (12) urinals, (3) drinking fountains, (1) fish chest, making a total of 1605 fixtures, the value of which was \$141,475.00.

The number of old and new buildings in which plumbing was installed are as follows: (224) new 1 family houses, (17) new 2 family houses, (2) new 3 family houses, (29) old 1 family houses, (21) old 2 family houses, (1) gas station, (1) new school, (1) old school, (2) old garages, (3) garages new, (3) new stores, (6) old stores, (1) old factory, (2) new restaurants, (1) new theatre.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. E. LUDDEN,

Inspector of Plumbing.

W. B. SKINNER,

MARTIN BJORKMAN,

Deputy Inspector.

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Dear Sirs:

I herewith submit the report of the Police Department for the year 1925.

Whole Number of Arrests	202
Residents	118
Non-Residents	84
Male	190
Female	12

Offences for which arrests were made:

	Res.	Non-Res.	Male	Female	Total
Assault and Battery	10	1	10	1	11
Assault on Officer	1		1		1
Attempt to Rape	1		1		1
Bastardy		4	4		4
Breaking and Entering	1		1		1
Desertion	1	1	2		2
Driving Auto Under Influence of Liquor	4	6	10		10
Disturbing the Peace	2		2		2
Disorderly Conduct ..		1	1		1
Drunkenness	46	29	74	1	75
Failing to Pay Wages		1	1		1
Forgery		1	1		1
Fornication			1	1	2
Gambling		1	1		1
Larceny		13	8		21
Manslaughter	1		1		1
Murder		2	2		2
Neglect of Family	6	2	8		8
Neglect of Parents		3	2	1	3
Railler and Brawler	1			1	1
Receiving Stolen Property...		3	3		3
Receiving leased Property ..	2		2		2
Stubborn Child	2		1	1	2
Suspicious Person		1	1		1
Threat to Assault	1		1		1

Trespass.		1	1		1
Violation Auto Laws	13	17	30		30
Violation Liquor Laws	12	1	8	5	13
Violation Probation Laws ...	1		1		1

Recommendations and General Matters

In my recommendations of 1923, I asked for three additional men to be added to the Police force. Since that time the Town has grown very fast and in my opinion the Town has arrived at the point where where it needs a much larger force of men than we have at the present time to attend to the many calls and requirements that are being continually made upon it. I have no fault to find with the members of the present force, for each and every one of them is doing the very best they can to attend to the various matters that require the services of a policeman; but as I have said before, the Town is growing and the police force must grow with it.

Most everyone (who reads the newspapers) knows that a crime wave is sweeping all over the country and the people depend upon the police for its protection and for the enforcement of our laws, but we cannot do the impossible. We must have men to do it with and for this reason I am asking and recommending that three (3) men be added to our force this year.

I also recommend that a Patrol Auto be purchased this year and that a four car garage be built in the rear of Town House for the storage of stolen autos that we are continually picking up and for a place to keep the Department autos. I also recommend that another room in the Town House be fixed up for the Chief of the Department, where he can

keep his records and hold private conversations with any person who may want to talk with him. The Police Departments of other Towns have at least two rooms, one for the men and the other for the Chief and this Town should have the same.

Before closing my Report, I want to take this opportunity to notify the citizens that I am asking to be retired from the Police Department on June 30, 1926, and in doing so I want to thank each member of the Police Department for the many courtesies that each member has always shown me, and also for their work in the many cases and complaints that came to our attention.

JEREMIAH F. GALLIVAN,
Chief.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Citizens of Braintree:

The Trustees of Thayer Public Library submit herewith their report for the year 1925, including the reports of the Librarian and the Treasurer.

In order to conform with recommendations of the State Auditors, the accounting system of the Trustees was changed as of April 25th, after which date the appropriation made by the Town for the support of the Library was expended by the Town Treasurer upon vouchers, properly approved by the Trustees.

A new floor has been laid in the north reading-room of the Library Building which adds to the cleanliness and general appearance of the room. It is important that extensive repairs be made to the exterior of the Library Building in the near future, and an appropriation for this purpose will be requested at the annual Town Meeting.

During the year, 789 new books have been purchased, and 78 magazines and periodicals subscribed for. With the rapid growth of the Town, the demand for books is increasing proportionately, and the only way in which this demand can be met is through additional appropriations. For many years, the appropriations made by the Town of Braintree for Library purposes have been much smaller than in other towns of corresponding size.

Realizing that the Library belongs to and is supported by the Citizens and Taxpayers, the Trustees

welcome any constructive criticism and suggestions as to the purchase of books or other matters.

ALBERT E. AVERY, Chairman,
JOHN W. HARDING, Sec. & Treas.
HERBERT F. KNEELAND
AMY C. MANNING
STACY B. SOUTHWORTH

THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS, 1925

*Number of books in the library	21,906
Number of books added 1925	789
Number of books circulated 1925	36,899
Number of books circulated in East Braintree	5,381
Largest daily circulation Dec. 12, 1925	363
Average circulation	126
Percent of fiction circulated	60 plus
Total number of days	292
Total number of borrowers	4,548
Number of borrowers in East Braintree	1,202
*This included bound magazines.	

TRUSTEES OF THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY

JOHN W. HARDING, Treasurer.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31st, 1925

RECEIPTS:

Cash on deposit January 1, 1925. \$705.92

Petty cash in hands of Librarian, January 1, 1925	4.37	
From Town Treasurer Approp- riation	1,000.00	
Fines, Lost Books, etc.	33.77	
Interest on bank balances	18.90	
Income from Foundation Fund . .	490.98	
Income from Caleb Stetson Fund	122.50	
Income from Rachael R. Thayer Fund	7.74	
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EXPENDITURES

Salaries	\$842.98	
Books	331.33	
Supplies	51.43	
Transporting Books	50.00	
Repairs	62.49	
Water	6.00	
Electric Light	58.50	
Librarian's Expenses	21.35	
Petty cash paid to Town Treas.	16.79	
Rent, Safe Deposit Box	10.00	
Miscellaneous	20.00	
Cash on deposit, Dec. 31, 1925 .	913.31	
	<hr/>	\$2,314.18

FUNDS AND ASSETS OF THE TRUSTEES OF THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY

As at December 31, 1925

FOUNDATION FUND

Principal Account:

\$7500 Fourth Liberty Loan	
4¼ % (at cost)	\$6,479.09

5 Matured Shares Braintree

Co-operative Bank 1,000.00

Weymouth Savings Bank.. 2,520.91

\$10,000.00
Income Account:

Income for 1925 490.98

**Paid Trustees Thayer Public
Library**

490.98

490.98

490.98
CALEB STETSON FUND**Principal Account**

5 Matured Shares Braintree

Co-operative Bank 1,000.00

Braintree Savings Bank 1,500.00

2,500.00
Income Account:

Income for 1925 122.50

Paid Trustees Thayer Public
Library

122.50

122.50

122.50
RACHEL R. THAYER FUND**Principal Account:****Home Savings Bank, Boston 172.50****Income Account:**

Income for 1925 7.74

Paid Trustees Thayer Public
Library

7.74

7.74

7.74

We have examined the accounts of John W. Harding, Treasurer for the Trustees of Thayer Public Library and find it correct with all bills and receipts properly vouchered and balance of \$913.31 in the State Street Trust Co. December 31, 1925. We have also examined the Assets and Income of the Foundation Fund, Caleb Stetson Fund and Rachael R. Thayer Fund which we find correct.

RALPH W. ARNOLD
CHAS. H. TOBEY
PAUL MONAHAN

January 18, 1926.

Auditors for 1925.

NATHANIEL H. HUNT LEGACY INCOME ACCOUNT

JOHN W. HARDING, Treasurer.

INCOME

Cash on deposit, January 1, 1925	\$829.08
Income received for year 1925	906.66
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	\$1,735.74

EXPENDITURES

Books & Papers	1,091.49
Cash on deposit, Dec. 31, 1925	644.25
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	\$1,735.74

We have examined the account of John W. Harding, Treasurer, showing income and receipts of Nathaniel H. Hunt Legacy Income Account, and find it correct and properly vouchered. Balance on hand December 31, 1925 at State Street Trust Company \$644.25.

RALPH W. ARNOLD,
PAUL MONAGHAN,
CHAS. H. TOBEY,

Auditors 1925.

Jan. 18, 1926.

Fury List

Aa prepared by the Selectmen, February 1st, 1926

Abbott, Geddes G., 73 Storrs Avenue, insurance.
 Adams, Clarence B. E., 78 Front Street, salesman.
 Allen, Frank, Central Avenue, railroad employe.
 Anderson, Conrad A., 246 Washington St., draftsman
 Angier, George A., 46 Central Avenue, shoeworker.
 Appleyard, James T., 119 Shaw Street, carpet layer.
 Armstrong, Arthur, 30 Sheppard Avenue, retired.
 Atkinson, Courtenay, 14 Union Street, clerk.
 Bailey, Charles H. H., 6 Taylor Street, postmaster.
 Bean, Irving M., 61 Mt. Vernon Avenue, manager.
 Bennett, Charles M., 33 Cochato Road, clerk.
 Bates, C. Irving, 10 Shaw Street, manager.
 Bloom, Morris, 19 Commercial Street, merchant.
 Brady, Walter C., 11 Claremont Street, manager.
 Binney, Henry D., 33 Mt. Vernon Street, clerk.
 Buckley, George T., Oak Street, conductor.
 Bunker, Will A., 144 Middle Street, machinist.
 Burns, Frank W., 46 Prescott Lane, teamster.
 Cahill, Edward D., 65 Hobart Street, grocer.
 Cain, Theron I., 44 Plymouth Avenue, artist.
 Cassell, William H., 179 Commercial Street, shoecutter.
 Cook, Philip R., 16 Ardmore Street, salesman.
 Cassidy, Clarence W., 92 Argyle Road, bursar.
 Cavanagh, Charles F., 111 School Street, contractor.
 Crawford, Herbert C., 586 Washington Street, clerk.
 Davenport, Arthur C., 19 Charles Street, newspaper.
 Donnelly, Robert J. Sterling Street, carpenter.
 Delorey, Walter E., Front Street, shoeworker.
 Dosenberg, Carl, 4 Marietta Avenue, machinist.
 Ellis, Fred R., 26 N. Bowditch Street, moulder.
 Ellsworth, Alfred E., Hilltop Road, clerk.

Faulkner, Frank L., Faulkner Place, real estate.
 Faustini, Luigi, Quincy Avenue, carpenter.
 Fuglested, J. Alfred, Venus Road, painter.
 Gogan, George L., 30 Robinson Avenue, clerk.
 Goodnow, Fred, 1350 Washington Street, musician.
 Hale, Thomas I., 33 Adams Street, machinist.
 Hastings, Arthur H., 70 Hollis Avenue, clerk.
 Hollis, Albert F., 39 Taylor Street, janitor.
 Jones, Jesse W., Washington Street, electrician.
 Kennedy, Carlton L., 30 Franklin Street, electrician.
 Kiley, Patrick, 23 Commercial Street, clerk.
 King, Herbert W., Somerville Avenue, carpenter.
 Lord, Frank P., 11 Stetson Street, clerk.
 McCarthy, Albert A., 59 Bellevue Road, milk dealer.
 Matthews, Charles W., 244 Liberty Street, farmer.
 Mattie, James F., 670 Commercial Street, farmer.
 McRae, Edward A., 124 Hobart Street, painter.
 Miller, Charles O., 38 Liberty Street, banker.
 Mischler, Andrew C., 146 Washington Street, painter.
 Monaghan, Paul, 125 Plain Street, mason.
 Morrison, Archie, 7 Liberty Street, clerk.
 Mulligan, Thomas, Jr., 221 Commercial St., R. R. em.
 Pearson, Isaac E., 231 Franklin St., custom house em.
 Powers, William J., 84 Front Street, plumber.
 Robery, John P., 304 Liberty Street, farmer.
 Rose, Edward J., Quincy Avenue, carpenter.
 Saunders, Howard M., 130 Phillips Street, shoeworker.
 Sprague, George T., Bellevue Road, clerk.
 Stackhouse, Gordon, 18 N. Bowditch St., painter.
 Starr, Leo F., 41 Sterling Street, shoeworker.
 Stevens, George W., 75 Tremont Street, salesman.
 Stever, J. Charles, 673 Union Street, jeweller.
 Sullivan, Jerome L., 144 Allen Street, teamster.
 Sullivan, John J., 321 Commercial Street, laborer.
 Temple, Charles, C., 69 Liberty Street, builder.
 Thayer, Louis W., 71 Tremont Street, clerk.
 Tobey, Charles H., Washington Street, accountant.

Vinton, Harry F., River Street, insurance.
Waite, Winfred G., Willard Street, retired.
Walker, Frank H., 35 Hollingsworth Ave, bookkeeper.
Walker, George A., 15 Lincoln Street, manufacturer.
Wentworth, Frank E., 381 Liberty Street, retired.
Wilkins, Benjamin T., 508 Commercial Street, teamster.
Tagen, Thomas H., 2 Liberty Street, auditor.
Tarbox, Charles F., 22 Miller Avenue, teamster.
Tardif, Philemon, 23 Hobart Street, painter.
Newcomb, William, 681 Washington St., S. Braintree

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1925

Moderator

WILLIAM F. ROGERS

Town Clerk

HENRY A. MONK

Town Treasurer

OTIS B. OAKMAN

Selectmen, Highway Surveyors and Overseers of the Poor

EDWARD AVERY

SHELLEY A. NEAL

JONATHAN W. FRENCH

Assessors

WALTER O. HASTINGS

Term Expires 1928

EDWARD AVERY

Term Expires 1927

*HENRY W. MANSFIELD

Term Expires 1926

†ROGER LAKIN

Term Expires 1926

Auditors

RALPH W. ARNOLD

PAUL MONAGHAN

CHARLES H. TOBEY

Water Commissioners and Commissioners of Sinking Funds

WILLIAM C. HARRISON

Term Expires 1928

CHARLES B. CUMMINGS

Term Expires 1927

GEORGE H. WALKER

Term Expires 1926

Municipal Light Board

CHARLES T. CRANE

Term Expires 1928

ALEXANDER A. CARSON

Term Expires 1927

NORTON P. POTTER

Term Expires 1926

Board of Health

JOSEPH G. BAILEY

Term Expires 1928

WILLIS H. MARTIN

Term Expires 1927

PERCY T. RICHARDS

Term Expires 1926

School Committee

ALIDA N. STEVENS	Term Expires 1928
HENRY D. HIGGINS	Term Expires 1928
FRANKLIN H. MERRIAM	Term Expires 1927
C. FREDERICK TARBOX	Term Expires 1927
RALPH W. WOODSUM	Term Expires 1926
CARRIE F. LORING	Term Expires 1926

Trustees of the School Fund

Term Expires 1928

HERBERT F. KNEELAND	ELMER E. ABERCROMBIE
ARTHUR L. HALE	OTIS B. OAKMAN
WILLIAM H. HEATH	HENRY F. ARNOLD
JOHN HARDING	

Park Commissioners

LAWRENCE A. TRAINOR	Term Expires 1928
JOHN N. RODGERS	Term Expires 1927
ALBERT F. HOLLIS	Term Expires 1926

Trustees of Thayer Public Library

ALBERT E. AVER Y	HERBERT F. KNEELAND
JOHN W. HARDING	Term Expires 1927
AMY C. MANNING	Term Expires 1927

Fence Viewers

CHARLES S. HANNAFORD	ALBERT R. QUALEY
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Tax Collector, OTIS B. OAKMAN

Tree Warden, CLARENCE R. BESTICK

Treasurer, OTIS B. OAKMAN

Constables

HARVEY J. ANNIS	JEREMIAH F. GALLIVAN
CLARENCE R. BESTICK	CHRISTOPHER M. GARLAND
JOHN J. HEANEY	CHARLES S. HANNAFORD
MARK HENNEBURY	CHARLES A. HOBART
AUGUST JOHNSON	JOHN P. SHAY
JAMES R. QUALEY	HARRY F. VINTON
THOMAS SLAVIN	AUGUSTUS T. WENTWORTH
WALTER S. BELYEA	

Surveyors of Wood and Weighers of Hay

CHARLES G. SHEPPARD WILFORD F. WOODSUM
FRED W. PERCY

Measurers of Lumber

HERBERT W. BORDEN SHELLEY A. NEAL
CHARLES O. MILLER

Planning Board

THERON I. CAIN WALLACE WILSON
PAUL MONAGHAN MARK HENNEBURY
JOHN A. RYAN

OFFICERS APPOINTED

Police

JEREMIAH F. GALLIVAN, Chief
AUGUST JOHNSON JOHN J. HEANEY
JOHN P. SHAY NELS E. NELSON
HARVEY J. ANNIS WALTER S. BELYEA
CHRISTOPHER M. GARLAND

Measurer of Leather, EDWARD H. DRINKWATER

Field Drivers

EDWARD SMYTHE THOMAS SLAVIN
JOSEPHUS SAMPSON

Engineers of Fire Department

FRED A. TENNEY, Chief

Deputies

J. SAMUEL HILL FRANK O. WHITMARSH

Superintendent of Fire Alarm, FRED B. LAWRENCE

Board of Registrars

WILLIAM ALLEN

CHARLES B. CUMMINGS

JOSEPH DRINKWATER

Sealer of Weights and Measures, CHARLES S. HANNAFORD

Inspector of Animals, JOSEPH SAMPSON

Assistant Inspector of Animals, ALFRED H. HOLBROOK

Inspector of Meats and Provisions, JOHN J. HEANEY

Inspector of Plumbing, J. EDWARD LUDDEN

Forest Warden, FRED A. TENNEY

Local Moth Superintendent, WILLIAM J. McCUSKER

Burial Agent, CHAS. S. HANNAFORD

Superintendent of Braintree Home, JAMES T. CHRISTIAN

Superintendent of Streets, FRED AUSTERBERRY

Pound Keeper, JAMES T. CHRISTIAN

Apropriation Committee

EDWARD J. SULLIVAN

JOSEPH LANDERS

FRED L. HAYDEN

WALTER K. CARSON

GEORGE L. ANDERSON

CHARLES O. MILLER

CHARLES A. POWERS

PERCY A. GIBSON

WALTER R. HOWLAND

ISAAC PEARSON

BERNARD R. ANDREWS

HARRY F. ARNOLD

JOHN W. HARDING

J. HERBERT WALSH

HENRY MCCUSKER

WILLIAM D. AITKEN

 *Deceased.

†Appointed to fill vacancy.

WARRANT

FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING



February 1, 1926.

NORFOLK, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Braintree.

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, qualified to vote in elections therein to meet at polling places in their respective Precincts, to wit:

Polling place in Precinct No. 1, Town Hall.

Polling place in Precinct No. 2, Legion Building, Hollis Avenue.

Polling place in Precinct No. 3, Hose House, Allen Street.

On Monday, the first day of March, 1926 at five forty-five o'clock in the forenoon, then there to bring in to the Wardens of their respective Precincts their votes on the official ballot for a Moderator, Town Clerk, a Town Treasurer, three Selectmen, ne member of the Board of Assessors for a term of three years, three Overseers of the Poor, three Highway Surveyors, three Auditors, a Tax Collector, a Tree Warden, two members of the School Committee for a term of three years, one member of the Board of Health for a term

of three years, one Water Commissioner and Commissioner of Sinking Funds for a term of three years, one member of the Municipal Lighting Board for a term of three years, one Park Commissioner for a term of three years, five members of the Planning Board for a term of one year, and fifteen Constables:

Also, to vote "Yes" or "No" upon the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of certain non-intoxicating beverages in this town?"

The polls will be opened at five forty-five o'clock in the forenoon and will be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon.

You are further directed to notify and warn the said inhabitants qualified to vote as aforesaid to meet at the Town Hall in said Braintree, on Monday, the 8th day of March, 1926, at seven forty-five o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

Article 1. To choose all Town Officers, except those elected by ballot.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

Article 3. To see if the Town will hold its Treasurer harmless on his bond from any loss which may arise from the failure of any National Bank or Trust Company in which the funds of the Town may be on deposit, said Bank or Trust Company being designated by the Selectmen.

Article 4. To see if the Town will hold its Tax Collector harmless on his bond from any loss which may arise from the failure of any National Bank or Trust Company in which the funds of the Town may be on deposit, said Bank or Trust Company being designated by the Selectmen.

Article 5. To hear and act upon the report of the several boards of Town Officers, and any committee, and to choose any committee the Town may think proper.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Article 6. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for salaries of the Town Officers and the expense of the several departments, including Town Counsel, the bond of the Town Treasurer and the bond of the Tax Collector.

Article 7. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the expenses of Registration and Elections.

TOWN HALL

Article 8. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support and maintenance of the Town Hall and for the services of a Janitor and Assistant Janitor.

CHARITIES

Article 9. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of the poor, maintenance and repairs of the Braintree Home, the salaries of the superintendent and matron of the Braintree Home, the salary of the Visitor, salaries of the Overseers of the Poor, and the purchase of equipment for the Welfare Department.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended under Chapter 118 of the General Laws.

SOLDIER'S BENEFITS

Article 11. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the payment of State Aid, military aid, soldiers' burials and soldiers' relief.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Article 12. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the salar-

ies, pensions and expenses of its Police Department, and for the necessary expenses required for the enforcement of the law, including court expenses, and the purchase of equipment for said department.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Article 13. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support and maintenance of the Fire Department, and for the purchase of new apparatus or equipment therefor, for hydrant service, maintenance of the fire alarm, and for the purchase and installation of new fire alarm boxes.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase or take by eminent domain the land surrounding the fire engine house in Precinct No. 3, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for this purpose, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee to report to the next Annual Town Meeting on the subject of the construction and erection of a building to house the Police Department and the Headquarters of the Fire Department.

INSPECTION

Article 16. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the sealing of weights and measures.

Article 17. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the salary of Inspector of Buildings and expenses of his department.

Article 18. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the salary of Inspector of Wires, and for the expenses of his department.

FORESTRY

Article 19. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the suppression of gypsy and brown tail moths, care and planting of trees, and forest fires.

Article 20. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee to investigate the possibility of the Town having a forest.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to erect a sixty-eight foot steel Forest Fire Observation Tower on the summit of Turkey Hill in the Town of Holbrook, in accordance with section 5, Chapter 40, G. L.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Article 22. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the salaries and expenses of the Board of Health, including contagious diseases, vital statistics, inspection of milk, animals, slaughtering, meat and provisions and plumbing, dental clinic and tuberculosis nursing.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,179.97, being the portion of the expense incurred and apportioned by the County Commissioners upon the Town for the care, maintenance and repairs of the Tuberculosis Hospital, in accordance with Chapter 286 of the General Acts of 1916.

Article 24. To see if the Town will accept Chapter 535 of the Acts of 1910, authorizing the construction of a system of sewerage.

Article 25. To see if the Town will accept Chapter 546 of the Acts of 1910, providing for the addition of the Town to the South Metropolitan Sewerage System.

Article 26. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate such sums as may be necessary for the

contruction of sewerage and drainage within the Town and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow all or any part of said sums in accordance with the provisions of any general or special act, authorizing the Town to borrow for such purposes or take any action relative thereto.

HIGHWAYS

Article 27. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of the Highway Department, including salaries, repairs of highways, town ways and bridges; also, for repairs and building sidewalks, stone roads, removal of snow, oiling streets, and purchase of equipment for said department.

Article 28. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for street lighting.

Article 29. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the repairing and rebuilding of Pond Street, east of Fairview Avenue, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to rebuild and repair Smith Street and Smith Terrace.

Article 31. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the repairing and rebuilding of Elmwood Avenue, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 32. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the repairing and rebuilding of Hobart Avenue from Tremont Street to Hollingsworth Boulevard, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 33. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the repairing and rebuilding of Academy Street, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 34. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the repairing and rebuilding of Arbutus Avenue, from Standish Avenue to Washington Street, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 35. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the repairing and rebuilding of Plymouth Avenue, from Washington Street to Arbutus Avenue, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 36. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the repairing and rebuilding of Park Avenue, from Brewster Avenue to Putnam Avenue, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 37. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the building of a sidewalk on Washington Street in Braintree Highlands, between the Holbrook line and the entrance to the Norfolk County Hospital, or take any other action relative to sidewalks on said street, in that section of the Town.

Article 38. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the construction of sidewalks on Summer Street in South Braintree, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 39. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to repair and rebuild Plain Street, from Cart Bridge to Grove Street, and Grove Street from Plain Street to the Weymouth line, and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow all or any part of said sums in accordance with the provisions of law, authorizing the Town to borrow for such purposes, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 40. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to repair and rebuild

Union Street, from the location of the N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. Co., in South Braintree to Commercial Street, in East Braintree, and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow all or any part of said sums in accordance with the provisions of law, authorizing the Town to borrow for such purposes, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 41. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to repair and rebuild the whole or any section or sections of Washington Street, from Capen's Bridge to and to include South Braintree Square, and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow all or any part of said sums in accordance with the provisions of law, authorizing the Town to borrow for such purposes, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 42. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of repairing and rebuilding Independence Avenue from the Quincy Line to Capen's Bridge, and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow all or any part of said sums in accordance with the provisions of law, authorizing the Town to borrow for such purposes, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 43. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the repairing and rebuilding of Center Street from Washington Street to the Quincy Line.

Article 44. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to construct and rebuild Harrison Avenue, from Cleveland Avenue to Middle Street.

Article 45. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to construct and rebuild Holmes Street from Fairfield Street to Washington Street.

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to widen Washington Street from Common Street to Capen's Bridge on the westerly side, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Article 47. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to construct a drain with catch basins on Elm Street, from Elm lawn Road to the Fore River track.

Article 48. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to construct a drain from the railroad crossing at Elm Street to the Monatiquot River.

Article 49. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to drain River Street, from Middle Street to Monatiquot River.

Article 50. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to construct and rebuild Nelson Street, from Shaw Street to Prospect Street.

Article 51. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to construct and rebuild Mill Lane, from Commercial to Shaw Street.

Article 52. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to construct and rebuild Somerville Avenue, from Shaw Street, 400 feet east.

Article 53. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the construction of a suitable sidewalk on Quincy Avenue from Allen Street to the Quincy Line.

Article 54. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a town way, Standish Avenue, so-called, from Arbutus Avenue, to Myrtle Avenue, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 55. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a town way, Bellevue Avenue, from Washing-

ton Street to Phillips Road, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 56. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a town way, Brow Avenue, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 57. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a town way, Brow Avenue Extension, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 58. To see if the Town will vote to accept, as a town way, Plain Street from the Plain Street Cemetery to Liberty Street; also to see what sums of money the Town will raise to widen and rebuild Plain Street.

Article 59. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a town way, Massachusetts Avenue, from Washington Street to Arbutus Avenue, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 60. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a town way, Waldron Road, so-called, running westerly from Washington Street, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 61. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to repair and rebuild Waldron Road, running westerly from Washington Street.

Article 62. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a town way, Hillview Road, so-called, running westerly from Washington Street, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 63. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to repair and rebuild Hillview Road, running westerly from Washington Street.

Article 64. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a town way, Ellsworth Street, so-called, leading from Mt. Vernon Street, easterly, then turning northerly to West Street, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 65. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a town way, Hawthorne Road, so-called, from Thorndike Street to Washington Street, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 66. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a town way, Common Street, so-called, from Washington Street to Sunnyside Park, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 67. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a town way, Walnut Street Extension, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 68. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a town way, the northerly Extension of Oak Street, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 69. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a town way, Ellsmore Terrace, so-called, off West Street, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 70. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a town way, Hilltop Road, so-called, off West Street, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 71. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a town way, Marshall Street, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 72. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a town way, Elmlawn Road, so-called, to a point 850 feet north from Elm Street, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 73. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to repair and rebuild Elmlawn Road.

Article 74. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a town way, Miller Street from Union Street to Marshall Street, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 75. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a town way, May Avenue, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 76. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a town way, Dobson Road, so-called, from Commercial Street to Hobart Street, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 77. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a town way, Edgemont Road, so-called, from Quincy Avenue to Shaw Street, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 78. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a town way, Bickford Road, so-called, from Quincy Avenue to the Nelson Estate, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 79. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a town way, Pleasant View Avenue, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen, from Quincy Avenue to the water front and make an appropriation of a sum of money to resurface the said Pleasant View Avenue.

Article 80. To see if the Town will instruct its Selectmen to lay out as a town way, Azel Road, from its present northerly termination to Lakeview Avenue.

Article 81. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to lay out, as a town way, Abbot Street, so-called.

Article 82. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to lay out, as a town way Burroughs Road, so-called, 900 feet north of Elm Street.

Article 83. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to lay out, as a town way, Townsend Avenue, so-called, 320 feet west of Cleveland Avenue.

Article 84. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to lay out as a town way, Drinkwater Avenue, so-called, leading southerly from Elm Street to Adams Street.

Article 85. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to lay out as a town way, Devon

Road, so-called, leading easterly from Drinkwater Avenue.

Article 86. To see if the Town will vote to instruct its Selectmen to lay out as a town way Inglewood Street, so-called, from Argyle Road to Vinedale Road.

Article 87. To see if the Town will vote to instruct its Selectmen to lay out as a town way, Argyle Road, so-called, from Gordon Road to Harbor Villa Avenue.

Article 88. To see if the Town will vote to instruct its Selectmen to lay out as a town way, Edge Hill Road Extension, from Edge Hill Road to Vinedale Road.

Article 89. To see if the Town will vote to instruct its Selectmen to lay out as a town way, Wilkins Road, so-called from Dobson Road to North Bowditch Street, so-called.

LIBRARY

Article 90. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the expenses of the Thayer Public Library, for the distribution of books and for the services of a Janitor.

RECREATION

Article 91. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate to be expended upon Parks, Play grounds and Public Lands of the Town, under the direction of the Park Commissioners.

Article 92. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expense of organized play or take any action relative thereto.

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Article 93. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the income of the Electric Light Department the sum of \$11,613.55 for the Depreciation Fund; the sum of \$300.00 for the salaries of the Muni-

cipal Light Board; the sum of \$10,000.00 for Bonds, and the sum of \$196,754.55 together with the sum of \$2,059.49, the unexpended balance of the year 1925, for operating expenses, renewals, repairs and new construction for the coming year.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Article 94. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the income of the Water Department, the sum of \$300.00 for salaries of the Water Commissioners, and the balance for operating expenses, extensions, renewals, repairs, new construction, and expenses of said department.

Article 95. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of acquiring land and constructing a stand pipe thereon and to extend its water mains to said stand pipe, and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow all or any part of said sum in accordance with the provisions of any general or special act authorizing the Town to borrow for such purposes, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 96. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to construct a water main from West Street to the Quincy line on Granite Street.

Article 97. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to construct a 6 in. main on the Town property, from Union Street to the Almshouse.

Article 98. To see if the Town will vote to reimburse Arthur B. Hayward for moneys expended by him for the laying of water mains on Park Avenue and Massachusetts Avenue in Braintree Highlands, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Article 99. To see if the Town will vote to instruct its Water Commissioners to change their policy

with respect to the financing of water mains in new layouts or take any other action relative thereto.

EDUCATION

Article 100. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of the Public Schools.

Article 101. To see what further sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of constructing, furnishing and equipping a new high school.

Article 102. To see what sums of money, in addition to any appropriated in the preceding article or at any prior meeting, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of constructing, furnishing and equipping a new high school building, and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow all or any part of said sums in accordance with the provisions of any general or special act authorizing the Town to borrow for such purposes, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 103. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of making an extension or addition to the Penniman School, and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow all or any part of said sum in accordance with the provisions of any general or special act authorizing the Town to borrow for such purposes, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 104. To see what action the Town will take with reference to the recommendations of the Committee appointed under Article 90, of the 1925 Annual Town Meeting, with respect to purchasing or taking by right of eminent domain certain parcels of land throughout the town for the purpose of future school sites, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for said purchasing or taking, and authorize the Treas-

urer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow all or any part of said sum in accordance with the provisions of any general or special act authorizing the Town to borrow for such purposes, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 105. To see if the Town will allow a drain to be constructed in the Hollis Field, so-called, to take care of the ground water or drainage from the proposed new High School Building to be erected on Washington Street next to said Hollis Field.

CEMETERY

Article 106. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care and protection of the Plain Street Cemetery and for the laying out and grading of lots in said Cemetery.

Article 107. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the salary of a superintendent of the Plain Street Cemetery.

INTEREST—MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Article 108. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for the payments due on the Municipal Indebtedness and for the payment of interest on Town debt and on loans in anticipation of revenue.

PLANNING BOARD

Article 109. To see if the Town will instruct the Planning Board to prepare a comprehensive zoning plan for Braintree, and raise and appropriate sum of money for the same.

Article 110. To see if the Town will purchase or take by eminent domain land on the shore of Sunset Lake, north of the pumping station for public purposes, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Article 111. To see if the Town will vote to purchase or take by eminent domain land at the four cor-

ners of Central Avenue and Tremont Street for highway purposes and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same, and for the widening of the ways at the junction of said streets.

UNCLASSIFIED—MISCELLANEOUS

Article 112. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for miscellaneous expenses.

Article 113. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to assist Post 87, G. A. R., Braintree Post 86, American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars, Lennon-Murray Post No. 923, in defraying expenses of Memorial Day.

Article 114. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$2,000.00 to provide a suitable building for the benefit of Lennon-Murray Post No. 923, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Article 115. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for repairs to the Legion Building.

Article 116. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the insurance under the Employees Compensation Act.

Article 117. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay premiums on insurance policies of fire and liability.

Article 118. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for engineering.

Article 119. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to discontinue the house to house distribution of the Town reports, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 120. To see what sums of money, in addition to that appropriated under any other article, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate

for land damages resulting from taking of any land for highway purposes..

Article 121. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for land damages, resulting from the taking by the County Commissioners of land on Washington Street.

Article 122. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate for suitable street signs and traffic signals.

Article 123. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to release to the Estate of Norton E. Hollis the interest of the Town in and to the real estate known as the "Town Pound" located on West Street in Braintree, Massachusetts, or what they will do with relation thereto.

Article 124. To see if the Town will vote to amend that part of Section 4, Article 11-A of the By-Laws, which has to do with fees, so that as amended it will read as follows—"Such fees as shall, from time to time, be determined by the Selectmen, shall be charged for all building permits issued by the Inspector of Buildings for the erection and alteration of buildings within the limits of the Town. Fees to accompany the application; to be refunded if permit is not granted."

Article 125. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 7, Article 5 of the By-Laws, so that said section as amended will read as follows:—"No personal property of the town shall be sold by any officer or board unless by vote of the Town or by the joint authorization of the Selectmen and of the Chairman of the Finance Committee, except that if its initial cost or value was \$200.00 or less, it may be sold by the authorization of the Selectmen; such authorization shall in each case (a) be in writing, (b) certify that the proposed selling price is fair, and (c) be filed with the Town Accountant.

Article 126. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 10 of the By-Laws by striking out the 17th section thereof, which requires that the documents with reference to streets which are proposed for acceptance shall include a letter from the Selectmen, stating that the street in question is well built and of average construction.

Article 127. To see what action the Town will take under Article XLVIII of the amendments to the constitution covering the proper initiative, namely II, Section, 3, for "An Act to permit certain sports and games on the Lord's Day."

Article 128. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for repairing and altering the so-called Monatiquot River Bridge on Quincy Avenue or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 129. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expense of inscribing the name of the Town of Braintree with the date of its incorporation on the Pilgrim Memorial Monument at Provincetown, Mass.

Article 130. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the Ford Coupe purchased for the Welfare Department in 1923, and the Buick Roadster purchased for the Fire Department in 1923, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 131. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the construction of a four-car garage to be attached to the rear of the Town Hall, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 132. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to take all necessary preliminary steps, so that the limited Town Meeting Form of Government or a form of city charter may be placed before the citizens of the Town of Braintree for adoption, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 133. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to lay out, as a town way, Watson Street, so-called in Precinct Two.

Article 134. To see if the Town will vote instruct the Selectmen to lay out, as a town way, Caswell Street, so-called in Precinct Two.

Article 135. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money in accordance with Chapter 654 of the Acts of 1913, as a Reserve Fund.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting true and attested copies thereof in three public places in each voting Precinct in said Town of Braintree, ten days at least before said first day of March, 1926, and by publishing the same once each week for two successive weeks in the Braintree Observer, first publication to be at least eight days before said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk before said meeting.

Given under our hands at Braintree, this first day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.

EDWARD AVERY,
JONATHAN W. FRENCH,
SHELLEY A. NEAL,
Selectmen of Braintree.

A true copy. Attest:

JEREMIAH F. GALLIVAN,
Constable of Braintree.

Braintree, Mass., February 11, 1926.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I hereby notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, qualified as expressed therein, to meet at the time and places mentioned for the purposes therein mentioned.

JEREMIAH F. GALLIVAN,
Constable of Braintree.

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